Division 3: Premier and Cabinet (except Office of Native Title) —

[*Supplementary Information No A8.*]

Question: Mr M. McGowan asked: What is the totality of the cuts from the commonwealth to the state across the forward estimates, and what programs will be cut as a consequence?

Answer:

The following table summarises Treasury's advice on the estimated financial impact of the 2014-15 Commonwealth Budget on the State's net operating balance. The advice was based on information available at 15 May 2014 and is subject to change once better information is received from the Commonwealth Government. Any revisions will be reflected in the State's 2014-15 Mid-year Review. As well as the direct impacts on State finances estimated in this table there may be significant further indirect offsetting impacts on GST revenues through the Grants Commission equalisation process changing the State's future GST share (assuming the equalisation process continues to operate as currently). These indirect impacts could increase or reduce State revenues and some may only occur with a time lag.

Commonwealth Budget: Indicative Impact on General Government Operating Balance

	2013-14[(a)]	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**Total**
	$m	**$m**	**$m**	**$m**	**$m**	**$m**
GST Pool	34.2	40.6	61.1	106.8	175.7	418.4
National Health Reform Agreement	-	-7.7	-43.0	-83.6	-174.0	-308.3
Students First	-	-	-	-	160.0	160.0
National Partnership Agreements						
Certain Concessions for Pension and Seniors Card Holders	-	-25.4	-26.3	-27.4	-28.5	-107.6
Skills Reform	-	-	-	-	-54.0	-54.0
Improving Public Hospital Services	-3.2	-10.8[(b)]	-10.8	-10.8	-	-35.6
Early Childhood Education – Universal Access	-	25.4	-[(b)]	-	-	25.4
Black Spots	-	-	11.0	11.0	-	22.0
Preventive Health	-	-	-	-8.0	-8.0	-16.0
Improving Trachoma Services for Indigenous	-	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	5.5
Training Places for Single and Teenage Parents	-	-2.6	-	-	-	-2.6
Natural Disaster Resilience	-1.6	1.6	-	-	-[(b)]	0.0
TAFE Fee Waivers for Early Childhood Education	0.7	1.4	-	-	-	2.1
National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education	-	0.9	-(b)	-(b)	-(b)	0.9
Legal Assistance Services	-	-	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.8
School Pathways Program	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Subtotal	**30.1**	**25.2**	**-6.3**	**-10.5**	**73.0**	**111.5**
Perth Freight Link	-	74.0	156.0	433.0	203.0	866.0
Total Impact on Net Operating Balance	**30.1**	**99.2**	**149.7**	**422.5**	**276.0**	**977.5**

Note: The Commonwealth Budget confirmed the reintroduction of indexation of fuel excise. This is expected to have a negative impact on the State's finances. The Commonwealth Budget also introduced a pause in the indexation of local government financial assistance grants. However, this will not affect the State's net operating balance.

(a) 2013-14 impact estimated by movement in Commonwealth estimates of grants in the 2014-15 Budget and 2013-14 MYEFO publications. Actual outcomes in the State's aggregates will not be certain until the 2013-14 Annual Report on State Finances is finalised in September 2014. Differences may also arise between the Commonwealth's estimates and State disclosures from issues such as accrual (Commonwealth) versus cash (State) accounting policies for grants, and the extent to which Commonwealth budget variations were estimated by State agencies when finalising their 2014-15 State Budget estimates.

(b) The Commonwealth Budget indicates that their funding commitment is not for publication. The table assumes no funding for the State.

Division 3: Department of the Premier and Cabinet —

[*Supplementary Information No. A9*]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston asked for the details of the employment contract of Mr Robert Taylor.

Answer:

RMT Solutions Pty Ltd (Mr Robert Taylor) was engaged as a consultant under the Ministerial Contracts for Service Engagement Process to provide communication services to the Treasurer from 2 December 2013 until 15 May 2014. The contract was subsequently extended to continue until 30 June 2014. The total estimated contract value has increased to $145,000 (excluding GST and expenses) as a result of the contract extension.

[*Supplementary Information No A10.*]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston asked: Given the DPC's involvement in this matter, why was it chosen for the Burswood Park Board to pay out the lease, rather than the agency doing the project, which is the Department of Sport and Recreation?

Answer:

Under the terms of the DEEDS OF SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE:

- $4,694,234.88 was paid to the Hotchkin Hanly trust account (the settlement sum included $94,234.88 paid by Burswood Park Board as refund of rent) for Golfwest; and
- $600,000 was paid to Klemap Pty Ltd.

Excluding the refund by the Burswood Park Board the funds were paid from Consolidated Funding through the Department of Racing Gaming and Liquor.