

GORDON INQUIRY, IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS, COST

1898. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Will the Minister please advise -

- (1) The total expenditure to date on the implementation of recommendations of the Gordon Inquiry?
- (2) The total planned expenditure on the implementation of the Gordon Inquiry in the following financial years -
 - (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006;
 - (c) 2006-2007; and
 - (d) 2007-2008?
- (3) The total number of Child Protection Workers employed to date as part of the Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry?
- (4) In which country police districts have specialist Domestic Violence Police Officers been placed as part of the Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry?
- (5) To which new locations has the Strong Families program been expanded?
- (6) The total cost of the refurbishment and expansion of the Child Protection Unit services at Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (7) The total expenditure to date on the refurbishment and expansion of the Child Protection Unit services at Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (8) The expected completion date of the refurbishment and expansion of the Child Protection Unit services at Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (9) The total cost of relocating the Sexual Assault Referral Centre?
- (10) The total expenditure to date on the relocation of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre?
- (11) The expected completion date of the relocation of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre?
- (12) What new services have been provided at the Sexual Assault Referral Centre since December 2001?
- (13) The cost of constructing and staffing each of the three new multi-functional remote police facilities?
- (14) The expenditure to date on constructing and staffing each of the three new multi-functional remote police facilities?
- (15) The expected completion date of the construction and staffing each of the three new multi-functional remote police facilities?
- (16) The total amount to date provided to support Aboriginal communities to develop and manage locally specific safety strategies, including the identification and support of safe places and persons for Aboriginal children, as part of the Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry?
- (17) The total amount to date provided for workers to promote and mediate safety and violence prevention strategies in Aboriginal communities, as part of the Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry?
- (18) The total expenditure to date on the expansion of community based programs and community supervision agreements to enhance the management of violent offenders?
- (19) The total expenditure to date on the extension of victim support services for adult and children to Aboriginal communities?
- (20) The total number of Aboriginal support workers employed to date to provide practical counselling and assistance to vulnerable Aboriginal children and youth?
- (21) The total expenditure to date on the provision of culturally appropriate counselling services for Aboriginal clients?
- (22) The total expenditure to date on the Community Partnerships Fund?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1) 14,925,607.00

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- (2) (a) 19,698,293.00
(b) 20,202,500.00
(c) 17,857,500.00
(d) 4,500,000.00
- (3) 22 of the 25 new child protection worker positions have been filled in either an acting or permanent capacity.
- (4) Specialist Domestic Violence Police Officers have been placed in all eight-country police districts.
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| Goldfields Esperance District | Mid West Gascoyne District |
| Pilbara District | Kimberley District |
| Great Southern District | South West District |
| Peel District | Wheatbelt District |
- (5) Five of the 12 strong family coordinators are operating in the Metropolitan area, with the remaining seven based in regional centres of Albany, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Northam, Geraldton, Broome and Port Hedland.
- (6) Total cost for Child Protection Unit Capital Works \$605,000.
- (7) Total expenditure to date \$333,500.
- (8) Child Protection Unit (acute unit) expected completion date May 2004. 110 Hay Street unit estimated date of completion June 2004.
- (9) Estimated cost for Sexual Assault Resource Centre \$1.3 million.
- (10) Total expenditure to date \$10,000.
- (11) Expected completion date May 2005.
- (12) Additional four counselling outreach services established at: Rockingham, Clarkson, Fremantle, Northbridge (specific aboriginal service) and currently negotiating specific aboriginal counselling outreach at Midland.
- (13) Warburton – construction costs of \$1.408 million has been planned.
Balgo – construction costs of \$1.408 million has been estimated.
Kalumburu – construction costs of \$1.540 million have been estimated.
- Staff costs include one off set-up costs, equipment purchases, IT set up, vehicle costs, transfers and other costs associated with operating the facility.
- (14) Construction costs have been incurred and payments from capital allocations made. It should be noted this phase of the project is just commencing and expenditure will increase as the facilities are developed. Capital costs provided do not include Government Employee Housing Authority costs.
- The interim policing strategies implemented have expended some Gordon funding that was used to top up recurrent allocations to increase service delivery in line with the project rollout.
- Some funds have been used to purchase additional equipment to support the officers currently servicing the communities. This equipment will be retained at the new facilities when operational. Set up costs of \$18,310 has been spent to date plus \$25,000 in equipment purchases to support the WA police officer at that location.
- Construction in the Kimberley is dependent on the length and severity of the wet season. Generally between October and May construction cannot occur. Dry season is between May and October each year, therefore limiting construction periods to 7 out of 12 months.
- Warburton-Information contained within Gordon Implementation – Regional Update February 2004. - Expenditure @ 30/11/03: \$147,957 - interim service delivery costs.
- Balgo-Information contained within Gordon Implementation – Regional Update February 2004. - \$73,000 from Gordon funding and the balance of \$103,800 was funding from WAPS prior to 2003/04. Expenditure @ 30/11/03:\$76,083 - interim service delivery costs.
- Kalumburu-Information contained within Gordon Implementation – Regional Update February 2004. Expenditure @ 22/10/03: \$51,848 - interim service delivery costs. Landfill is required for the Kalumburu site. The CEO of the community advised the project team landfill requires at least 1 wet season to settle before construction can commence. Landfill of the site will occur this dry season.
- (15) Warburton
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Kalumburu

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Estimated completion date for the MFPF is the end of the 2005 wet season (October). Between October 2004 and October 2005 staff will utilise a transportable office provided by the Department of Education and other facilities currently used for police and justice services in the community

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- (16) Safe Places - Safe People program has a total allocation of \$317,000.
Locations across the state have been confirmed and negotiations with Aboriginal service providers are in progress.
- (17) All workers engaged by the Government in response to the Gordon Inquiry who work with families will provide this role in some capacity.
- (18) Total expenditure to date \$103,680.
- (19) Total expenditure to date \$108,454.
- (20) 12 Aboriginal Support Workers have been employed.
- (21) A one-off funding amount of \$200,000 has been allocated from funding for the implementation of the Gordon Inquiry recommendations to develop a range of strategies that will contribute to improving the cultural relevance and effectiveness of counselling and helping services to Aboriginal people and communities. Negotiations are currently being finalised with a consultant to undertake phase 1 of the project to develop service specifications that will shape the establishment of new approaches to counselling and support to Aboriginal people and communities.
- (22) Proposals are currently being considered by the Human Services Directors' General Group. When further identified locations have been approved, application forms will be made available for completion by the identified local organisations. Starting in 2003/2004, \$1.6 million has been allocated over four years and total expenditure to date has been \$75,250.