

BOARDS, REVIEWS, COMMITTEES, INQUIRIES AND TASK FORCES, ESTABLISHMENT

1914. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne; Goldfields-Esperance
- (1) Since the election of the State Labor Government, how many boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces have been established within the Minister's portfolio?
 - (2) Will the Minister list all the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
 - (3) What is the name and qualification of each person who chairs each board, review, committee, inquiry and taskforce that has been established within the Minister's portfolio since the election of the State Labor Government?
 - (4) Will the Minister list the commencement date and the completion date for all boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
 - (5) Will the Minister list the total cost of sitting fees and the total cost for each of the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
 - (6) What payments, fees and sitting fees are paid to the chairperson of each board, review, committee, inquiry and taskforce that has been established within the Minister's portfolio?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

GASCOYNE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Committees

- (1) One
- (2) Gascoyne Telecommunications Working Group.
- (3) Margot Steadman, local pastoralist.
- (4) Commenced August 2001 and is continuing.
- (5) Nil
- (6) Nil

PILBARA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Taskforces

- (1) Two
- (2)-(4) (i) The Nickol Bay Accommodation and Associated Issues Taskforce
Established August 2001. Estimated conclusion is August 2004. However, will continue to run until it is considered not necessary to monitor housing and accommodation issues in the Nickol Bay area. Chaired by Mrs Robyn Crane, A/Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission.
- (ii) Onslow Strategic Development Taskforce
It is expected that this Taskforce will run over four years in order to develop a strategic approach to delivering agreed outcomes for the Onslow Community. (April 2005) Chaired by Mrs Robyn Crane, A/Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission.
- (5)-(6) There are no sitting fees allocated or paid to the members or chair sitting on the above listed taskforces and the total administration cost is met from the Commission's recurrent budget.

Committees

- (1) Five
- (2)-(4) (i) The Roebourne Enhancement Scheme Government Agency Interim Committee
First met on 6 November 2001, has an estimated four year life span and is scheduled for completion on 31 December 2005. Chaired by Mrs Robyn Crane, A/Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission.
- (ii) The Port Hedland Enhancement Scheme Steering Group

First met on 1 September 2003, has an estimated four year life span and is scheduled for completion on 30 June 2007. Chaired by Mrs Robyn Crane, A/Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission.

- (iii) The Roebourne Enhancement Scheme Steering Group
First met in July 2002, has an estimated 3.5 year life span and is scheduled for completion on 31 December 2005. Chaired by Mrs Robyn Crane, A/Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission.
- (iv) The Pilbara Development Commission State Sustainability Sub- Committee
Established on the 30 October 2002 and will continue to run until December 2004, when it is expected that the Pilbara Sustainability Plan will be completed. Chaired by Mrs Robyn Crane, A/Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Development Commission.
- (v) The Roebourne Enhancement Scheme Community Forum
Established in July 2002, has an estimated 3.5 year life span and is scheduled for completion on 31 December 2005. Chaired by Cr Kevin Richards, President Shire of Roebourne.

- (5)-(6) There are no sitting fees allocated or paid to the members or chair sitting on the above listed committees and the total administration costs is met from the Commission's recurrent budget.

KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Committees

- (1) One
- (2) Kimberley Aviation Tourism Development Committee (KATDC)
- (3) Chaired by Mr Ron Johnston.
- (4) Established 08 January 2002 and still ongoing.
- (5) Nil
- (6) Nil

Taskforces

- (1) One
- (2) North West Air Services Taskforce (NWASTF)
- (3) Tom Stephens, Minister for the Kimberley
- (4) Established 20 April 2001. Subsumed on 18 September 2001 by Intra State Review of Air Services and Aviation Ministerial Council and is still ongoing.
- (5) Nil
- (6) Nil

GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- (1) Nil
- (2)-(6) N/A

THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Reviews

- (1) Eight
- (2)-(4) (i) Review of the Regional Development Commissions Statutory Authority Status (Completed)
The review was undertaken as required by the Machinery of Government report. The review commenced in October 2001 and was completed in May 2002. It was completed by a working group of representatives from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development, Regional Development Commissions and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The members of this working group were not paid.
- (ii) Review of the Operations of the Local Government Grants Act 1978 (Completed)
A review of this Act is required every five years. It meets the statutory requirements and determines whether the Act is operating effectively or whether it needs amendment. The review was commenced in October 2001 and is currently being considered by the Minister. It was completed in-house.
- (iii) Review of the Cemeteries Boards (Fremantle and Metropolitan) Statutory Authority Status (Completed)
The review was undertaken as required by the Machinery of Government Report. The review commenced in December 2001 and was completed in July 2002. It was completed in-house.

- (iv) Review of the Dog Act 1976
The Dog Act has operated since 1976. It was considered appropriate to review the legislative provisions and determine whether amendments should be made to achieve a more contemporary Act. The public consultation phase of the review has been completed and policy positions for legislation are currently being developed. The review commenced in February 2002. It is being undertaken in-house.
- (v) Review of the Regional Headworks Scheme (Completed)
This meets a Government election commitment to review this scheme, including adequacy of its funding and application of guidelines. This review commenced in May 2002 and was completed in August 2002. It was completed in-house.
- (vi) Review of the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission Methodology
This review was undertaken by the Grants Commission to improve the grants allocation process. It is undertaken on a periodic basis. The review commenced in August 2002. It is being undertaken in-house.
- (vii) Review of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995
This review is a statutory requirement under the Act. The review commenced in late 2002. It is being undertaken in-house.
- (viii) Review of the Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978
This Act has not been reviewed since gazettal. A review is required to update the legislation. The review commenced in late 2002. It is being undertaken in-house.

(5)-(6) These have all been completed within the Department's Budget allocation. They do not involve chairs, committees or payment of sitting fees.

Committees

(1) Five.

(2) Committee	(3) Chair	(4) Commencement and completion dates	(5) Sitting Fees	(6) Payment to Chairs
Advisory Committee on Women in Local Government	Cr Del Mills (long time local government Councillor and former President of the Shire of Carnarvon)	First meeting December 2002 This is an ongoing committee that will meet three to four times a year. There are provisions for teleconferencing.	There are no sitting fees, only allowances for travel and accommodation at standard rates	Only travel and accommodation costs associated with meetings
Partnership Steering Group (formerly the Working Group on State and Local Government Relations)	Ms Ricky Burges ¹ CEO Western Australian Local Government Association	First Meeting November 2001. This will be an ongoing committee.	There are no sitting fees and the administrative costs are absorbed into the Department's Budget.	N/A
Local Laws Working Group	Mr Tim Fowler Principal Legislation Officer, Department of Local Government and Regional Development	First Meeting March 2002. This will be an ongoing group.	There are no sitting fees and the administrative costs are absorbed into the Department's Budget.	N/A
Working Party on Camping in Traditional Areas	Mr Quentin Harrington Director Governance and Statutory Support, Department of Local Government and Regional Development	First Meeting February 2003. This will be an ongoing group.	There are no sitting fees and the administrative costs are absorbed into the Department's Budget.	N/A
Pastoral Rating Pastoral Industry Working Group	Mr Bob Smillie, Consultant with Bob Smillie and Associates, previously a long standing CEO in local government	Held two meetings. April 2003 and May 2003. The final report has been completed. It is unlikely to reconvene.	There are no sitting fees for members. The total cost of the review to date is \$7,000. It is not anticipated that there will be any further expenditure.	There are no sitting fees for the Chair, although there have been some payments as a consultant to the Group (\$1,000). Travel and accommodation are paid.

¹ The Chair of this Group rotates between State and Local Government.

Inquiries

(1) Four

(2)&(4) (i) Inquiry into the City of South Perth

This was a panel inquiry conducted under Part 8 Division 2 of the Local Government Act 1995. The inquiry commenced in October 2001 and was completed in March 2002. Mr Gregory McIntyre, a Barrister, presided over the inquiry.

(ii) Inquiry into the City of Belmont

This was an inquiry conducted under Part 8 Division 1 of the Local Government Act 1995. The inquiry commenced in January 2002 and a report of the inquiry was tabled in Parliament in April 2003.

(iii) Inquiry into City of Belmont Councillors – Alleged Breaches of Financial Interest Provisions

This is an inquiry being conducted under Part 8 Division 1 of the Local Government Act 1995. The inquiry commenced in February 2003 and is ongoing.

(iv) Inquiry into Mayor Katherine Jackson – Alleged Breaches of Financial Interest Provisions

This is an inquiry being conducted under Part 8 Division 1 of the Local Government Act 1995. The inquiry commenced in February 2003 and is currently ongoing.

(3) Authorised inquiries do not involve chairs or committees. With regard to the City of South Perth, Mr Gregory McIntyre, a Barrister, presided over the inquiry.

(5) The Department does not operate an accounting system that records the costs spent on the individual inquiries that it conducts. Inquiry work is undertaken in the course of normal staff duty.

In the case of the City of South Perth, however, as a panel inquiry was conducted, a separate cost was recorded. The total expenditure was \$615,236.

(6) Not applicable as they do not involve chairs or committees, inquiries do not involve the payment of sitting fees.