

SCIENCE - STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION

Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science:

I refer to this year's \$72 million science budget.

- (1) How much of this money has been spent so far?
- (2) How much of the \$72 million is the government committed to spending in 2007?
- (3) How much of the \$72 million is the government committed to spending in 2008?
- (4) Will biotechnology be funded from the science budget?
- (5) If so, what commitments have been funded so far?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Barry House for providing some notice of the question. The Department of Industry and Resources advises -

- (1) An amount of \$2.2 million, including goods and services tax, has been provided to the Department of Health for the neurotrauma research program.
- (2) The \$72 million is detailed in the state budget as \$18 million per annum for four financial years; that is, 2006-07 through to and including 2009-10.
- (3) See answer to question (2).
- (4) No announcement has been made.
- (5) An amount of \$8 million for the neurotrauma research program.