

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TASKFORCE, MEMBERSHIP, MEETINGS, FEES, MISCELLANEOUS
PAYMENTS AND COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

2528. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer the Premier to the 2002/2003 Annual Report of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and ask: -

- (a) who are the members of the Physical Activity Taskforce;
- (b) how often do they meet;
- (c) where do they usually meet;
- (d) does the taskforce travel to regional or remote areas;
- (e) if yes, how often does this occur;
- (f) are sitting fees paid to members of the taskforce;
- (g) if so, how much;
- (h) are travel expenses paid to members of the taskforce;
- (i) if so, how much and under what conditions are payments made;
- (j) what other costs does the taskforce incur (mobile telephones, accommodation and other);
- (k) has a cost benefit analysis been conducted into the taskforce;
- (l) if not, how does the taskforce measure the effectiveness of its delivery;
- (m) will the Premier table the most recent measure of the taskforce's effectiveness; and
- (n) if not, why not?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) Members of the Physical Activity Taskforce:
Mr Mal Wauchope, Director General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, (Chairperson)
Mr Ron Alexander, Director General, Department of Sport and Recreation, (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Cathy Campbell, Director, Health Promotion Directorate, Department of Health
Mr John Gougoulis, A/Assistant Director, Curriculum, Department of Education and Training
Mr Robert Campbell, Director, Public Transport Policy, Department for Planning and Infrastructure
Ms Jan Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, LotteryWest
Ms Ricky Burges, Chief Executive Officer, Western Australian Local Government Association
Mr Trevor Shilton, Children's Physical Activity Coalition
Professor Fiona Bull, University of WA
Dr Jo Clarkson, Healthway.
- (b) The Taskforce has met once in February 2004 and will have three other meetings in June, August and November 2004.
- (c) The Department of the Premier and Cabinet.
- (d) Members of the Taskforce Secretariat held a broad series of regional and remote consultations prior to the preparation of the First Year Implementation Plan in 2001. The Secretariat has subsequently visited seven of the nine regions in Western Australia. Visits to the Gascoyne and Kimberley are planned for 2004 as the two remaining regions that have not been visited by the Taskforce Secretariat.
- (e) The visits have taken place over a three-year period.
- (f) No.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) No.
- (i) Not applicable.
- (j) A budget for the costs incurred by the Taskforce Secretariat (including salaries, accommodation and contingencies) has been established, with contributions from each of the key departments involved from within their existing budget allocation.

- (k) The benefit of a strategy to increase physical activity is clearly evidenced. A Commonwealth Government study in 2000 estimated that the costs attributable to the six major diseases (heart disease, stroke, non-insulin dependent diabetes, colon cancer, breast cancer and depression disorders) due to physical inactivity were \$36 million in Western Australia per year. The potential direct health care savings based on “all-cause” mortality and morbidity associated with increasing the proportion of sufficiently active people across Australia by 5% were estimated at \$44 million in Western Australia per year.
- (l) The Taskforce measures its effectiveness under the guidance of its Evaluation and Monitoring Working Group. An Annual Evaluation Plan is collated and the results of this for 2002/03 are available on the Taskforce website. This report is also made available to Cabinet annually. A survey of WA Adult Physical Activity Levels was conducted in 1999 and 2002 and the results of this are also available on the web site. The results of the first survey of WA Child and Adolescent Physical Activity and Nutrition levels (CAPANS) 2003 will be available in July 2004.
- (m) Copies of the most recent reports are attached. [See papers Nos 2244, 2245 and 2246.]
- (n) Not applicable.