

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION - STATE BUDGET

**1069. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science:**

I refer to questions without notice 1020 of Tuesday, 13 November 2007.

- (1) (a) How has the \$4 358 320 from the science budget been spent?
- (b) In what financial year was each of these commitments originally made?
- (c) How much of these funds has been invested in biotechnology?
- (2) (a) What new commitments have been made in the past 12 months in the science and biotechnology portfolios?
- (b) What is the value of each of these commitments?
- (3) (a) What has the \$4 170 000 from the biotechnology strategy been spent on?
- (b) When were these commitments originally made?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

I thank Hon Barry House for some notice of this question. It is a fairly detailed answer. I will table the answer and seek leave for its incorporation in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 3484.]

The following material was incorporated -

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Neurotrauma Research Program	2,500,000
Nobel Laureates Program	1,800,000
Support for the Chief Scientist	58,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,358,320</b>

Since the previous parliamentary question 968, further expenditure has been attributed to the \$72M Science budget. This includes:

Biotechnology Strategy	
Building Capacity - Infrastructure	250
Building Capability - Commercialisation Skills	61,000
Going Global - International Linkages	14,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,950</b>

(1b) **2006/2007**

Neurotrauma Research Program  
Nobel Laureates Program

**2007/2008**

Chief Scientist  
Biotechnology Strategy

- Building Capacity - Infrastructure
- Building Capability - Commercialisation Skills
- Going Global - International Linkages

(c) \$2,575,950

(2a-b)

Clinical Trials Network	9,946,000
Scitech Communication Initiatives	297,000
Chief Scientist Activities	208,000
Biotechnology Strategy	4,170,000
Premiers Research Fellowship Program	4,000,000
Premiers Science Awards	2,500,000
Science & Engineering Challenge 2007	24,500
Value Adding Quest (VAQ)	90,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,235,500</b>

(3a) The funding commitment for the Biotechnology Strategy is \$4.17 million over three years, from 2007/08, and will support the achievement of a number of initiatives in the four priority areas: Building Capacity; Building Capability; Building Understanding and Going Global. Specific details for initiatives in each of these priority areas are being finalised at this time.

(3b) 23 August 2007

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