

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

1903. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

- (1) Since the election of the State Labor Government, how many boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces have been established within the Deputy Premier's portfolio?
- (2) Will the Deputy Premier 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 Deputy Premier's portfolio since the election of the State Labor Government?
- (4) Will the Deputy Premier list the commencement date and the completion date for all boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (5) Will the Deputy Premier 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 Deputy Premier's portfolio?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Office of Energy

- (1) Eleven.
- (2)
 - (a) Aboriginal and Remote Communities Power Supply Project Steering Committee
 - (b) Park Home Electricity Supply Reference Group
 - (c) Regional Electricity Supply Committee
 - (d) SEDO Grants Committee was formed to replace the Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB)
 - (e) Gas Retail Deregulation Project Steering Group
 - (f) Electricity Reform Task Force (ERTF)
 - (g) Electricity Reform Implementation Steering Committee (ERISC)
 - (h) Union Consultation Committee – Electricity Reform
 - (i) Electricity Reform Consumer Forum – Electricity Reform
 - (j) Market Rules Development Group – Electricity Reform
 - (k) Industry Reference Group – Electricity Reform
- (3)
 - (a) Ms Anne Hill, B.Sc.; M.Sc.; Grad. Dip. PS Management
 - (b) Mr Anthony O’Gorman MLA, appointed by Deputy Premier in his capacity as a Member of the Government
 - (c) Ms Anne Hill, B.Sc.; M.Sc.; Grad. Dip. PS Management
 - (d) Mr Peter Versluis, B.Eng (Mechanical) and a Master of Business Administration
 - (e) Mr Richard Harris, B.Arts (Hons) and M.Arts
 - (f) Mr John Hyslop, OBE
 - (g) Ms Anne Nolan, B.Econ (Hons) and M.Econ
 - (h) Mr Mark McGowan MLA
 - (i) Mr Steve Edwell, qualifications in economics
 - (j) Mr Steve Edwell, qualifications in economics
 - (k) Mr David Agostini, qualifications in engineering
- (4)
 - (a) 8 February 2002 – 31 December 2004 (Pilot)
 - (b) May 2002 – December 2002
 - (c) 18 November 2002 – 31 December 2003
 - (d) 12 August 2002, ongoing
 - (e) July 2001 - June 2004
 - (f) August 2001 – November 2002
 - (g) January 2003, ongoing
 - (h) November 2002, ongoing
 - (i) September 2003, ongoing
 - (j) August 2003, ongoing
 - (k) July 2003, ongoing

- (5) (a) Members organisations including AT SIS absorb their costs and therefore no additional expenditure has been incurred in relation to the Steering Committee only.
- (b) Members organisations absorb their costs and therefore no additional expenditure has been incurred in relation to the reference group only.
- (c) Members organisations absorb their costs and therefore no additional expenditure has been incurred in relation to the committee.
- (d) The sitting fees for the SEDO Grants Committee are:
- Chair - \$462 per full day meeting and \$305 per half day meeting.
- Members - \$308 per full day meeting and \$203 per half day meeting.
- Those members of the Committee that are employed as Public Servants are not paid sitting fees.
- Total sitting fees are \$7,181 per annum.
- (e) Members organisations, including private sector participants, absorb their costs and therefore no additional expenditure has been incurred in relation to the steering group.
- (f) External members fees and other direct costs total \$536,037. Agencies and other organisations, including Western Power and private sector participants, absorbed their costs.
- (g) Participating Government agencies absorb their costs and the independent member is paid a fee of \$7,040 including GST per month.
- (h) Costs associated with the operation of this committee are absorbed by the participating organisations.
- (i) Sitting fees are proposed to be paid to community representatives, however the amount is yet to be determined.
- (j) Costs associated with the operation of this committee are absorbed by the participating organisations.
- (k) No payment has been made yet to the Chair; other costs associated with the operation of this Committee are absorbed by the participating organisations.
- (6) (d) The amount paid to the Chair of the SEDO Grants Committee is \$1,987 per annum.
- (f) The total amount paid to the Chair of the Electricity Reform Task Force was \$332,616.
- (k) The sitting fee for the Chair is \$20,500 per year.

Office of Native Title

- (1) Two
- (2) (a) Review of the Native Title Claims Process in Western Australia (Paul Wand);
(b) Technical taskforce on Mineral Tenements and Land Applications (Bardy McFarlane).
- (3) Paul Wand, Bachelor of Metallurgy;
Bardy McFarlane, Member, National Native Title Tribunal
- (4) (a) The Wand Review was commissioned in April 2001 and submitted its report to the Government in September 2001;
(b) The Technical Taskforce on Mineral Tenements was established in April 2001 and submitted its final report in November 2001.
- (5) (a) The Wand Review: Total cost of sitting fees was NIL. Total cost of review was \$80,861.70. (\$18,946.76 on travel; \$3,191.62 on accommodation and catering; \$58,723.32 on professional fees)
(b) The Technical Taskforce on Mineral Tenements: Total cost of sitting fees was NIL. Total cost of review was \$26,441.42. (\$17,767.71 on travel; \$7,178.70 on catering, accommodation and venues; \$1135.82 on advertising and stationery; \$359.13 on fees for temporary staff.)
The total cost of both inquiries was \$107,303.12.
- (6) (a) Paul Wand was the Chairperson of the Wand review. Mr Wand received payment amounting to \$31,458.45 for professional fees.

- (b) Bardy McFarlane was the Chairperson of the Technical Taskforce on Mineral Tenements. The cost Mr McFarlane's professional fees was covered in full by the National Native Title Tribunal.

WA Treasury Corporation

- (1) None

- (2)-(6) Not applicable

Office of the Auditor General

- (1)-(6) Not applicable

Office of Gas Access Regulation

- (1) Nil

- (2)-(6) Not applicable

Western Power

- (1) Nil

- (2)-(5) Not applicable.

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (1) Four.

- (2) (a) Review of State Business Taxes

- (b) Consultative Group on Payroll Tax and Contractors

- (c) Review of Commonwealth-State Funding.

- (d) Economic Regulator Implementation Committee

- (3) (a) Mr Jonathan Ilbery, Partner and Solicitor with Jackson McDonald. Bachelor of Jurisprudence, University of Western Australia. Admitted to the High Court of Australia (1992). Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia (1972).

- (b) Chaired by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

- (c) Committee comprises:

Professor Ross Garnaut AO, BA(ANU), PhD(ANU), FASSA, Professor of Economics at ANU.

Dr Vincent W. FitzGerald BEc(Hons)(UQ), PhD(Harvard), CoChairman Allen Consulting Group.

Further details are provided in the Final Report of the Review of CommonwealthState Funding (www.reviewcommstatefunding.com.au).

- (d) Chaired by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

- (4) (a) 13 September 2001 and ongoing if required.

- (b) 13 September 2001 and 22 February 2002.

- (c) 30 November 2001 and 30 August 2002.

- (d) 21 August 2001. The Committee will continue meeting until final decisions are taken with respect to the implementation of the Economic Regulation Authority.

- (5) (a) \$37,938.45 (including GST) paid to the Committee Chair as at 24 September 2003.

- (b) No fees paid.

- (c) The cost of the review was shared among New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. Western Australia's contribution was \$200,000. As well as preparation of the report, this cost included interstate visits and a National Forum held in Canberra on 14 March 2002.

- (d) No fees paid.

- (6) (a) As per answer 5(a).

- (b) Nil.

- (c) Western Australia's contribution to the total cost of the review did not separately identify amounts paid to Professor Garnaut and Dr FitzGerald.
- (d) Nil.