

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRES — FUNDING REALLOCATION

1224. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development:

- (1) On what basis was it determined that the budget for regional community resource centres should be cut by 40 per cent?
- (2) What does a 40 per cent budget cut equate to in dollar terms?
- (3) Regarding the answer provided to (2), what proportion of the department's overall budget does this anticipated saving represent?

**Hon Alannah MacTiernan replied:**

- (1) The revised budget reflects the challenging budgetary situation facing the Government and represents what would have been the normal trajectory of growth from 2009 figures.
- (2) The Community Resource Centre program budget will be reduced from \$13 million per annum to \$8 million per annum.
- (3) The Community Resource Centre program budget is funded from the Royalties for Regions budget. Accordingly these savings occur within the Fund itself, and are not part of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's operating budget