

REGIONAL WA — FUNDING FROM 2008-09 BUDGET

744. Hon Sally Talbot to the minister representing the Treasurer

Can the Treasurer provide details of how much was budgeted in recurrent and capital expenditure for the following regions for 2008 — 09 (i.e. Budget Estimates), —

- (a) Goldfields-Esperance;
- (b) South West;
- (c) Great Southern;
- (d) Peel;
- (e) Mid West;
- (f) Gascoyne;
- (g) Wheatbelt;
- (h) Pilbara; and
- (i) Kimberley?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

A break-up of budgeted recurrent expenditure by region is not available. Existing budgeting systems do not have the capacity to classify recurrent expenditure by individual region, or between regional Western Australia and metropolitan Western Australia.

The capital expenditure budgeted for 2008-09 is provided below:

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| (a) | Goldfields-Esperance | \$116.8 million; |
| (b) | South West | \$515.2 million; |
| (c) | Great Southern | \$112.5 million; |
| (d) | Peel | \$382.2 million; |
| (e) | Mid West | \$74.7 million; |
| (f) | Gascoyne | \$21.6 million; |
| (g) | Wheatbelt | \$121.6 million; |
| (h) | Pilbara | \$342.1 million; and |
| (i) | Kimberley | \$188.7 million. |

The figures quoted above are consistent with those published at the time of the 2008?09 Budget in May 2008. Subsequent changes to the methodology of reporting asset investment were introduced in the 2009-10 Budget to bring Western Australia into line with reporting practices in other jurisdictions. As such, direct comparisons cannot be made between asset investment in the current budget year (2009-10) and capital works spending reported in previous financial years.