

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, GRANTS, NUMBER, VALUE AND ACQUITTALS
OF FUNDING

1773. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

For all departments and agencies within your portfolio -

- (a) how many Grants were made in the 2002/2003 financial year;
- (b) what was the value of each Grant;
- (c) for each Grant, has an acquittal of the funding been provided;
- (d) if not, why not; and
- (e) for each Grant where an acquittal has not been provided, when will the acquittal be provided?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

For the Department for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (a)-(e) There are over 28,000 line item entries, totalling \$337,848,655.67 that are listed under Grants and Subsidies in the financial records of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure. These items account for all recoups, grants, subsidies, reimbursements, contributions, allowances and concessions for the complete range of departmental activities. I am not prepared to allocate scarce resources in order to provide details of individual acquittals for the Member. However, if the Member has a question concerning specific Departmental grants I would be pleased to consider it. On the general issue of acquittals, I can advise the Member that the Department has appropriate procedures in place to ensure proper accountability of public moneys that are subject to examination by the Auditor General

For the Western Australian Planning Commission:

- (a) 948
- (b) \$10,226,786.26
- (c)-(e) See response above.

Insofar as the Public Transport Authority (PTA) is concerned

- (a) One grant was made by the PTA.
- (b) \$861,000
- (c) Yes
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) Not applicable

For Main Roads (MRWA):

- (a) Assuming the definitions of grants used in the preparation of submissions under the State Budget Papers Process, then a total of \$100,024,000 was allocated in the 2002/03 Budget under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement. This agreement provides for State Road Funds to be allocated under eight categories for road projects/works on the local roads networks in the one hundred and forty two Local Governments in this State, as well as local roads controlled by Conservation and Land Management and the Kings Park and Rottne Island Boards. The eight categories are as follows:

Strategic and Technical Support

These funds are for administrative and technical support provided by Main Roads to Regional Road Groups (RRGs), Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) operations and other support requirements.

Direct Grants

These funds are distributed to Councils for road preservation and capital works at their discretion. They are distributed using the Asset Preservation Model as determined by the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission. For a Local Government to

qualify for their Direct Grant allocation they must provide a certified statement that demonstrates their previous year's Grant was spent on roads.

Road Project Grants

These funds are provided for specific projects for road improvements, the provision of new roads where required and for preservation works such as reseals to maintain the asset. Regional Road Groups consider submissions from Shires within their Region and prioritise these projects using a multi criteria analysis type approach. Each Regional Road Group then makes recommendations for the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee's consideration for inclusion in the Local Roads Annual Program. In general, Road Project Grants require a \$1 matching contribution from the Local Government for every \$2 provided by the State.

Traffic Management & Road Safety

These funds are provided for the installation and maintenance of signs, pavement markings, traffic control signals, channelisation, railway crossing maintenance and road safety initiatives on Local Roads.

Access Roads to Aboriginal Communities

Portion of the annual Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants for Local Roads is set aside by the West Australian Local Government Grants Commission for expenditure on special projects, of which one third is applied to roads serving aboriginal communities. These funds are supplemented by a matching contribution of \$1 from the State for every \$2 provided under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme. The State also provides additional funds towards the Program above it's matching contribution for specific projects.

Bridges

As per the arrangement described for access roads to aboriginal communities, the other two thirds of the portion of Commonwealth grants set aside for special projects is applied to the improvement, maintenance and periodic inspection of bridges on Local Roads. The State provides a matching contribution of \$1 for every \$2 provided under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme. The State also provides additional funds towards the Program above it's matching contribution for specific projects.

State Initiatives on Local Roads

These funds are provided in support of State Initiatives affecting Local Government roads. Generally these projects are seen as having significant benefit to the State that is greater than the benefits, which are also returned to the local community. These projects may be of strategic or developmental benefit even though they do not meet the minimum criteria to be classified as a State Road responsibility.

Conservation and Land Management, Rottnest Island, Kings Park

These funds are for the development and maintenance of roads in National Parks and State Forests, Rottnest Island and Kings Park. \$2 million is provided directly to Conservation and Land Management for a specific annual Program with outcomes reported back to Main Roads at the end of each year.

(b) Value of each grant category in 2002/03

Local Road Heading	\$M
Strategic and Technical Support	1.300
Direct Grants	11.867
Road Project Grants	45.513
Road Safety	12.515
Access Roads to Aboriginal Communities	3.496
Bridges	3.292
State Initiatives on Local Roads	19.784
CALM, Rottnest Island and Kings Park	2.257
Total Allocation	100.024

(c) The acquittal processes for these grants are as follows:

Direct Grants

To qualify for these allocations Councils and Conservation and Land Management must provide a certificate of completion stating that the previous year's allocation has been spent on local roads.

All Other Grants

Councils may claim payment for the full programmed amount following completion of the project and certification of the satisfactory project completion to the Regional Road Group.

Councils may elect to apply to Main Roads for an advance payment equal to 40% of project estimates. A further 40% may be paid on certification that actual expenditure on the project has exceeded 40% of the project estimate. The balance will be paid on certification of satisfactory project completion of the work in accordance with the project proposal.

Not all acquittals have been completed at this stage for 2002/03 allocations.

- (d) Acquittals have not been provided because projects are still in progress and/or financial details are yet to be finalised.
- (e) The acquittal will be provided when the works are completed and the financial detail finalised.

For LandCorp:

- (a) None
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA):

- (a) Nil
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For East Perth Redevelopment Authority (EPRA):

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) None
- (d) None
- (e) None

For Midland Redevelopment Authority:

- (a) Nil
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For Subiaco Redevelopment Authority (SRA):

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) None
- (d) None
- (e) None

For the Albany Port Authority:

- (a) None
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For the Broome Port Authority:

- (a) None

- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For the Bunbury Port Authority:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil
- (c) Nil
- (d) Nil
- (e) Nil

For the Dampier Port Authority:

- (a) None
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For the Esperance Port Authority:

- (a) Nil
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For the Fremantle Port Authority:

- (a) None
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For the Geraldton Port Authority:

- (a) Nil
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A

For the Port Headland Port Authority:

- (a) Nil
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A