

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, GRANTS TO UNIONS WA OR INDIVIDUAL  
UNIONS

1337. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training; Sport and Recreation; Indigenous Affairs

Since the election of the Labor Government in 2001, for each department and agency under the Minister's responsibility -

- (a) how many grants have been made to Unions WA or individual Unions;
- (b) what is the total amount of funds made available to Unions WA or individual Unions;
- (c) what is the purpose of each grant;
- (d) what is the amount of each grant;
- (e) how does the Government monitor the performance of each grant;
- (f) for each grant, what measures has the Government put in place to ensure that the conditions of each grant are complied with;
- (g) on what date did the task/s required under each grant commence;
- (h) on what date was the first payment made and what percentage of the grant did this payment make;
- (i) on what date did the task required under each grant terminate;
- (j) on what date was the required task due to finish;
- (k) on what date was the final payment of the grant made;
- (l) were any people employed or contracted by Unions WA or individual Unions to perform tasks funded by any of these grants;
- (m) which grants were these people employed by;
- (n) what were their duties;
- (o) to whom did these people report;
- (p) how was their performance assessed;
- (q) what is the name of each person and the duty they performed, the payment received for each performance and the total payment from each grant;
- (r) where can the results of these taxpayer-funded programs be obtained;
- (s) will the Minister table the results; and
- (t) if not, why not?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

Department of Indigenous Affairs

- (a) None
- (b)-(t) Not applicable

Sport and Recreation

Department of Sport and Recreation

- (a) None
- (b) \$0
- (c)-(t) Not applicable

WA Institute of Sport

- (a) None
- (b)-(t) Not applicable

WA Sport Centre Trust

- (a) None

(b)-(t) Not applicable

Education and Training

Department of Education and Training

(a) 3.

(b) Two grants with a combined value of \$468 250 and a contract to deliver training valued up to \$79 125.

(c)-(k) The amount is comprised of three separate grants:

i) A grant of \$158 250 is the Department of Education and Training's contribution to the Teacher Consultant Classroom Management and Cooperative Learning Training Program, which is being jointly undertaken with the Australian Education Union (WA Branch) (AEU). This was negotiated as part of the Certified Teachers' Agreement.

An Operational Group comprising the partners and stakeholders was established on commencement of the project. This group makes recommendations that are then assessed and can be endorsed by the Department.

This program commenced in January 2003 with the full amount being paid in February 2003.

ii) A grant to the Transport Workers' Union (TWU), a Registered Training Organisation, was initially for one year (2002) and for an amount of \$79 125. The same grant has been extended through 2003 due to ongoing demand.

While the grant is notionally for \$79 124, fees are charged and deducted from the amount paid. The full amount paid in 2002 was \$53 861. Approximately 1,000 transport industry workers received occupational health and safety training through the program in 2002. It is expected that final payments for 2003 will be of a similar amount.

Payments for training delivered can only be made after reports have been received demonstrating that training has occurred. The program is regularly monitored for compliance with Australian Quality Training Framework and contract conditions.

The contract and training will cease on 1 May 2004.

iii) A grant of \$310 000 was provided to Unions WA to support training and professional development of members and officials in areas such seminars and workshops on relevant new legislation and other initiatives likely to have an impact in workplaces.

The Department has a Delivery and Performance Agreement with Unions WA outlining terms and conditions of the grant linked to agreed milestones and reporting points with information relating to activities undertaken during the relevant period, numbers of attendees at courses, seminars or other event and outcomes.

Unions WA will also be required to provide a statement of expenditure outlining how funds were utilised on completion of the project.

The Delivery and Performance Agreement is effective for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003.

(l)-(t) On the completion of the programs and evaluation of the outcomes, the results will be made available, including details relating to employment of staff associated with the grant.

Please note: the Department has a role in management of the Workers Assistance Program (Old Growth Forest Policy). Funds are provided to the Department of Conservation and Land Management to manage and pay some of the staff involved as coordinators of the program, two of which are UnionsWA staff members.

Department of Education Services & Curriculum Council

(a) None.

(b)-(t) Not applicable