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

1780. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming; Government Enterprises

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?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Gold Corporation

- (a) None
- (b)-(e) Not applicable.

Government Employees Superannuation Board

- (a) None
- (b)-(e) Not applicable.

Insurance Commission of WA

- (a) The Insurance Commission of Western Australia does not have a Grants program and therefore made no grants in the 2002/2003 financial year.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

Lotterywest

- (a) Through the Lotterywest Direct Grants Program, 1509 grants were made in the 2002/03 financial year, totalling \$51,359,545.
- (b) The grant values ranged from \$179 to \$4.005 million, with the majority (77%) of grants being less than \$20,001. A full list of grants approved, and their values is published in the Lotterywest Annual Report.
- (c) The data on grant acquittals for the specific period is not readily available, however in total 94.6% of all grants approved (inclusive of the 2002/03 period) have been acquitted.
- (d) The acquittal process for grants is actively managed. Grant acquittal is generally required within three months of the final grant payment. Some grant recipients have yet to receive their final grant payment and have therefore not acquitted the grant. Other grant recipients have been provided an extension for expenditure and acquittal of their grant, for example where they have experienced unforeseen delays in their project.

Acquittal will generally be provided within three months of the final grant payment. This may be longer for some grants such as projects and where an extension has been sought by the grant recipient and approved.

Racing and Gaming

Racing Development Trust (RDT)

- (a) 100 grants were made by the Racecourse Development Trust (RDT) to clubs/allied bodies for the financial year ended 31 July 2003.
- (b)-(d) See tabled paper, however, acquittals were previously carried out during on course inspections by the Chairman, members and secretary of the RDT. In more remote locations the racing and trotting stewards have carried out acquittal inspections on behalf of the RDT. [See paper No 1693.]

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(e) From 1 August 2003, the RDT ceased operations and all moneys previously paid to the RDT are retained by Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) and although it has assumed responsibility for the acquittal program, it has yet to formalise its acquittal program.

Water Corporation

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.