

TELEHEALTH INITIATIVES, BUDGET

590. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Health

- (1) Not including infrastructure costs, what was the budget for the delivery of telehealth initiatives in the State for the following financial years -
- (a) 1998-99;
 - (b) 1999-2000;
 - (c) 2000-2001; and
 - (d) 2001-2002?
- (2) Not including infrastructure costs, what are the forward estimates for the delivery of telehealth initiatives in the State for the following financial years -
- (a) 2002-2003;
 - (b) 2003-2004; and
 - (c) 2004-2005?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. The following represents expenditure of the joint Commonwealth and State Government funds provided for the Telehealth project. The amount shown excludes infrastructure but includes project management.

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| 1998-99 | \$ 176 174 |
| 1999-00 | \$ 641 294 |
| 2000-01 | \$ 677 181 |
| 2001-02 | \$ 1 720 696. |
| Total non infrastructure | \$3 215 345 |
| Plus infrastructure | \$7 651 746 |
| Grand total | \$10 867 091 |

In addition, \$300 000 is provided annually for recurrent expenditure for Telepsychiatry from DOH resources. Local health services fund their own related videoconference call costs from within their existing budgets. The total value of these call costs is not available, as it is not reported separately.

2. Forward estimates for expenditure of the balance of the \$16 million Telehealth project funds are as follows (includes infrastructure as breakdown of costs not available at this stage of the year).

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| 2002-03 | \$ 4 285 330 |
| 2003-04 | \$ 847 579 |

The amount for 2004-05 beyond the trial period has not yet been determined but will be considered as part of the normal departmental budget process.