

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

1188. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation:

With reference to the state government's centre of excellence program -

- (1) On what date did expressions of interest initially close for this program in 2005?
- (2) How much money has been committed to the current funding round of this program?
- (3) What is the current status of this program?
- (4) When did the review period for this program begin and when will it end?
- (5) When will current applicants for the state's centre of excellence program find out whether they are successful or otherwise?
- (6) Will the minister list the other science programs that are under review and when these review periods will end?
- (7) Which science innovation funding grants have been available this year?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Expressions of interest for the current round closed on 10 October 2005.
- (2) No money has been committed in the current funding round pending the announcement of the successful current round applicants.
- (3) Evaluation of the current round is in progress.
- (4) The minister requested a review in July of this year. The review is expected to be finalised by 31 January 2007.
- (5) The outcome of the current funding round is expected to be announced in July 2007.
- (6) The department is not aware at this time of any other formal review of science programs.
- (7) The only state government competitive grant programs run this year were the science and innovation studentship awards; however, payments have been made under previous rounds of existing science and innovation funding programs.