STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

3390.   Hon Margaret Rowe to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

Will the Minister please advise of -

(a)   the percentage of Western Australia's Gross State Product expended on research and development for each of the financial years from 1992-93 to 2004-05 inclusive;

(b)   the aggregate dollar amount of State Government expenditure on research and development for each of the financial years from 1992-93 to 2004-05 inclusive; and

(c)   the percentage of Western Australia's total research and development expenditure which is attributable to State Government expenditure for each of the financial years from 1992-93 to 2004-05 inclusive?

For the purpose of this question, the term 'research and development' will assume the same definition as that used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

The Minister for Energy has provided the following response:

(a)   Based on data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on a biennial basis the percentage of Western Australia's Gross State Product expended on research and development for the following years is:

1994/95 1.30%
1996/97 1.62%
1998/99 1.30%
2000/01 1.22%
2002/03 1.20%

(b)   The ABS published data on Government expenditure describes the value of research and development located within each Government sector. Based on this data, the aggregate dollar amount for research and development located within the State Government for the following years is:

1994/95 $94.96 million
1996/97 $95.50 million
1998/99 $101.44 million
2000/01 $105.48 million
2002/03 $108.11 million

(c)   Based on ABS published data, research and development located within State Government agencies represented the following percentages of the total expenditure of research and development in Western Australia:

1994/95 14%
1996/97 10%
1998/99 12%
2000/01 12%
2002/03 11%