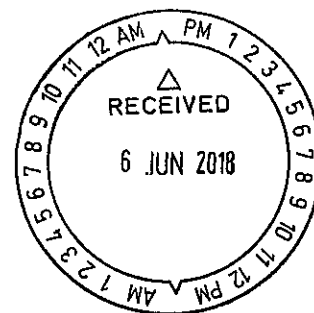


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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



The Committee asked:

1. What are some of the implications for your agency from the Commonwealth Budget released on 8 May 2018?

Answer

The 2018 Federal Budget contains a number of Western Australian (WA) specific regional infrastructure initiatives including:

- \$560 million for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road
- \$220 million for the Great Northern Highway Bindoon Bypass
- \$160 million for the Outback Way
- \$140 million (and a further \$50 million loan) for the Myalup Wellington Water project
- \$10 million funding for an EastLink WA business case for an alternative route between Northam and Perth.

In addition, there were several federally-funded national initiatives that may be relevant to the agency, provided that WA receives an appropriate share of Commonwealth funding. These include:

- \$200 million: Third round of the Building Better Regions Fund
- \$15 million: International Space Investment
- \$1.5 billion: Roads of Strategic Importance – Northern Australia
- \$250 million: Major Project Business Case Fund
- \$20 million: National Forestry Industry Plan
- \$20 million: SME Export Hubs
- \$28.3 million: Remote Airstrip Upgrade program
- \$6.6 million: Established Pest Animals and Weeds Management Pipeline
- \$1 million: Local Employment Initiative Fund.

The 2018 Federal Budget fails to provide certainty on continued funding of around \$100 million per annum for WA's remote indigenous housing, despite making a \$550 million commitment to the Northern Territory

Any withdrawal of this funding would have an adverse impact on WA's remote communities, and would come on top of the Commonwealth's 2015 withdrawal of investment in essential and municipal services in these communities

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

1. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Agriculture – Development Funding' for a total of \$20 million over four years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

This funding allocation will be used to support additional investment in the Agriculture portfolio to maintain core requirements such as biosecurity, animal welfare legislative requirements and agri-business development as required.

The services to be delivered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) are to be addressed through a comprehensive capability review being undertaken in conjunction with the Departments of the Premier and Cabinet and Treasury. This review will allow the Government to confirm DPIRD's required scope of activities and services, and ensure a sustainable budget commitment within and beyond the 2019-20 State Budget.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

Unknown at this stage.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates??

Answer

Unknown at this stage.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

2. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Brand WA – Destination Marketing' for a total of \$20 million over four years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

Tourism Western Australia is in the process of scoping the project to align with the election commitment, which outlined that the investment is to support the development of destination marketing including business events, domestic marketing and international marketing.

Delivery is scheduled to commence in 2018-19.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

This is not known at present because the project is still being scoped. Further questions should be directed to the Minister for Tourism.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward
Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

Answer

This is unknown at present because the project is still being scoped. Further questions should be directed to the Minister for Tourism.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

3. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Brand WA – Event Tourism' for a total of \$19.7 million over four years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

The aim of the project is to continue the Regional Events Program. The Regional Events Program seeks to increase awareness of regional WA as a tourism destination and to increase visitation to regional WA by expanding publicity and promotion through an expanded regional events calendar to attract visitors from intrastate, interstate and overseas.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

The Regional Events Program has been running for seven years (since 2011-12) and is expected to support up to 272* jobs throughout regional Western Australia in 2017-18.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

The Regional Events Program is expected to support up to 350 jobs throughout regional WA in 2018-19. In 2019-20 and each year of the forward estimates, it is estimated that funding will provide for up to 272 jobs each year. This may vary year on year depending on the calendar of events and Program funding supported.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

4. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Building WA Grains Research and Development Capacity' for a total of \$40 million over four years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

The aim of the investment is to integrate new scientific knowledge to encourage on-farm practice changes that will ensure the enduring profitability and productivity of WA grain growers.

The \$40 million over the next four years will be used to co-invest with the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) to support applied research and development (R&D) in agronomy, soil management, crop protection, genetic improvement and farming systems through the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development's (DPIRD) unique regionally based applied science expertise and infrastructure.

This government is committed to supporting R&D, and these funds are a step towards rebuilding the science capacity of DPIRD in this area.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

DPIRD's existing co-funded projects with the GRDC support approximately 175 full time equivalents within DPIRD. The new investment will contribute towards this internal capacity.

The grains industry, which relies on ongoing R&D outcomes to remain internationally competitive, supports approx. 19,000 jobs.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

Until the negotiations with the GRDC and other collaborators are completed DPIRD is unable to advise on the number of new research jobs to be directly created.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

5. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Develop Serviced Land at Shotts and Kemerton' for a total of \$10.5 million over two years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

Funding for this project is not set to commence until 2020-21. The details for delivery are still being scoped. The election commitment outlined that this funding will support the industrial parks to create opportunities for new business developments.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

To be determined. This project is still being scoped.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

To be determined. This project is still being scoped.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

6. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Halifax Business Park' for a total of \$3 million over two years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

The aim of this investment is to provide road, sewer and security upgrades to the Halifax Business Park and to review its firefighting requirements.

The project is still being scoped, and it is planned that it will commence in 2018-19.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

Unknown. The project is still being scoped but it should be noted there are approximately 250 businesses operating from the Business Park who will benefit from these upgrades.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

Unknown at this time. The project is still being scoped.



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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

7. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 170 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Karratha City of the North Project' for a total of \$2.9 million:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

The overall aim of the Karratha City of the North project is to improve the image of the Karratha City Centre, by ensuring the amenities, public spaces and built form quality within the city were of the highest standard.

The \$2.9 million visible in forward estimates is the final payment for the Karratha City of the North project and is to meet the final costs of infrastructure and headworks to prepare a hotel site that would be suitable to attract a developer.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

It is estimated this investment supports approximately 30 existing jobs employed through seven current food and beverage providers in the precinct.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

Should the new hotel be built, it is anticipated that 50+ new jobs will be created in 2018-19 during its construction and 40-50 full and part time hospitality jobs will be created when the hotel becomes operational.

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

8. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 171 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Rebuilding Our Agriculture Capability' for a total of \$10 million:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

This funding was approved as part of the 2017-18 Budget. This funding of \$10 million in 2018-19 will allow the Department to maintain its Research & Development capacity during the integration of former Department of Agriculture and Food functions into the new Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, recognising the decline in overall funding for the agency as a result decisions made by the former Government.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

Unknown at this point in time – however, this will be addressed as part of the Capability Review.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

It is not expected that any new positions will be funded from this allocation.

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

9. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 171 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Regional Buy Local Initiatives' for a total of \$300 000:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

The original objective of the project was to ascertain how the regional aspects of the Buy Local Policy 2002 could be more effectively applied by government entities, and how regional small to medium enterprises could better identify and address tendering opportunities.

The intent of the project has been superseded by the advent of the *Western Australian Jobs Act 2017* and the Office of the Auditor General's (OAG) December 2017 report on Local Content in Government Procurement.

It is intended that the funding will now be repurposed and DPIRD is working with the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation to re-scope the project, seeking to support improved local content outcomes.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

Unknown. The repurposing of this funding is yet to be finalised.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

Unknown. The repurposing of this funding is yet to be finalised.

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

10. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 171 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Regional Economic Development Grants' for a total of \$22.5 million over four years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

The grant program aims to support community-led projects that drive job creation and economic growth in regional Western Australia.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

The program is yet to be implemented and job outcomes will not be known until the competitive funding rounds are finalised and projects approved for funding. The number of jobs supported for each project will be a key consideration in the grant assessment and decision-making process.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

As above for b)

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

11. I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 171 under the 'Investing in Jobs' section, the line item titled 'Southern Forest Irrigation Scheme' for a total of \$19 million over four years:

- a) What are the aims of this investment?

Answer

This investment is conditional on Commonwealth Government support for the project. It would allow the Manjimup and Pemberton horticultural region to maintain and grow current production. The Scheme would deliver water to growers more efficiently via a central storage dam and enclosed pipe network.

- b) How many existing jobs will this investment support?

Answer

The agricultural sector is the biggest employer in the Manjimup Shire with 12.6 per cent of the workforce. This equates to around 738 people based on 2011 figures¹.

- c) How many new jobs will this investment create in 2018-19 and each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

It is estimated that 150 direct farm full time equivalent jobs and 75 indirect jobs would be created by the Scheme once constructed. 125 jobs would be expected to be created during the two year construction phase. Construction commencement is subject to approvals and funding support from the Commonwealth, so it is not possible to confirm job numbers from 2018-19 at this time.

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¹ Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (2011). Small Area Labour Markets June 2011, Australia, Canberra.

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

13. I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 1, page 189, the line item titled 'Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act – Declared Pest Control Activities' and refer to the 2021-22 funding estimate, which is more than double the funding allocated in the 2020-21 funding estimate:

- a) Why has the funding more than doubled in the year 2021-22?

Answer

The *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* enables the Minister to recognise groups as Recognised Biosecurity Groups for the purpose of controlling declared pests. As part of the 2018-19 Budget, the Government has committed expenditure of \$12.9 million over the period 2017-18 to 2021-22. The increase in expenditure is funded through revised 2018-19 levies and a matched contribution from the Consolidated Account.

The estimate of \$5.092M in the 2021-22 year is the full estimate for the financial year; it assumes an increase in the number of Recognised Biosecurity Groups and updated rates to reflect the activities of these groups.

There are currently 7 RBGs accessing funds from the Declared Pest Account (DPA), with a further five anticipated in 2018-2019 and two in 2019-2020.

- b) What projects does the Government intend to implement with that additional funding?

Answer

RBGs provide a mechanism to enable landholders and managers to develop a coordinated approach to control and manage declared pests in their area and determine local priorities that will be delivered in their operational plan. Activities are determined by the groups.

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QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

15)

I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 1, page 201 the line item titled 'Fisheries Research Grant Allocations':

a) How will the recipients of this grant funding be identified?

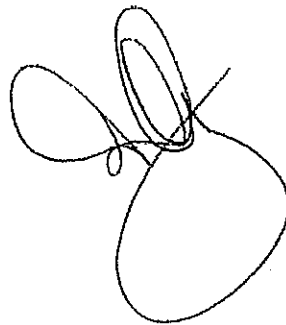
Answer: This item relates to monies collected by the Department from commercial fishers which is paid to the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation which then receives matching funding from the Commonwealth Government.

b) What projects/programmes will be funded through this money?

Answer: The Department and other WA-based research agencies can apply for these funds. Priorities for projects in WA are for the most part determined by the expertise-based WA Research Advisory Committee.

c) What will the recipients of this funding do to acquit the funding?

Answer: Funding will be acquitted as per the funding bodies' requirements.

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QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

16)

I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 1, page 201 the line item titled 'Other Fisheries Grants':

a) How will the recipients of this grant funding be identified?

Answer: The projects funded under this item were determined based on Government priorities including election commitments.

b) What projects/programmes will be funded through this money?

Answer: The projects to be funded include:

Oyster reef habitat restoration in Albany

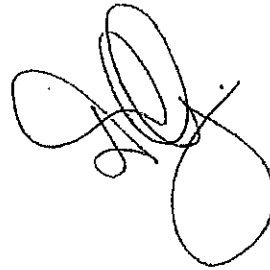
Multispecies Mollusc Hatchery in Albany

Shark deterrent rebate

Payments to peak bodies

c) What will the recipients of this funding do to acquit the funding?

Answer: Each agency must acquit funding provided in line with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development requirements.

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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

18 I refer to budget paper 2, volume 1, page 188, 'Spending Changes' table, line item 'Senior Executive Service Reduction':

- a) How many Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Executive staff have taken redundancy, by head count and FTE; and

Answer

5 headcount

5 FTE

- b) Will the Minister provide a list of each position that has been made redundant to date, and the location of that position?

Answer

Executive Director Business Development Class 2 – Perth

Director Major Projects Level 9 – Kununurra

Executive Director Strategy & Evaluation Class 2 – Perth

Director Business Performance Projects Level 9 – Perth

Executive Director Business Support Class 2 - Perth



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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

3. I refer to budget paper 3, page 170, line item Agricultural Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund and I ask:
- a) Why has the amount allocated between 2017/18 and 2021/22 reduced from \$19.3 million in the 2017-18 budget to \$17 million in this year's budget, including 2017-18 expenditure?

Answer

The amount allocated for the Agricultural Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (ATIF) has not been reduced. \$22 million was originally allocated to the ATIF and has since been re-profiled into two programs, these are:

- \$5 million - Digital Farm Fund – the first program funded through the ATIF; and
- \$17 million – remaining in the Agricultural Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund

- b) What was the \$500,000 in 2017-18 expended on?

Answer

\$500,000 allocated for the ATIF in 2017/18 (current year) is continuing to be expended predominantly on Administration and other related costs.

- c) Please provide the business case for the fund and its expenditure?

Answer

The projects to be funded have yet to be approved.



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Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

4. I refer to budget paper 3, page 171, line item Regional Telecommunications Project and I ask:
- a) Please provide a list of mobile base stations funded in each of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 budget years;

Answer

The following mobile base stations have been funded in the 2017-18 budget year:

Regional Telecommunications Project – Mobile Black Spot Program Round 1

Baudin
Beacon
Beaumont
Beedelup East
Broomehill Village
Bullara
Bunjil
Cramphome
Cape Range
Cuballing
Dalyup
Darradup
Dinninup
Doyles Road, Kulin West
East Barrabup
Diamond Tree
Eganu
Goldfields
Grass Patch East
Horrocks
Jalbarragup
Julimar
Kalbarri Loop
Latham
Lumeah
ManyPeaks
Maya North
Meanarra Hill
Merivale
Merkanooka
Mimegarra
Nannup East
Narrikup
Neridup
Noobijup

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Porongurup
Ravensthorpe West
Rosa Glen
Ryansbrook
Tenterden
Bow Bridge, Tindale
Ucarty
Varley
Vasse Highway, Collins
Wannamal South East
West River
Womarden
Woogenellup
Yealering

Regional Telecommunications Project - Mobile Black Spot Program Round 2

Albany-Lake Grace Road
Aldersyde
Ardath
Bally Bally
Bell Gorge
Broad Arrow
Bullfinch
Bulyee
Cheviot Hills Road, Katanning
Coondle
El Questro
Emma Gorge
Harms Lake
Holt Rock
Home Valley Station
Ilkurlka Roadhouse
Karijini Eco Resort
Karijini Campground
Karijini Visitor Centre
Kondut
Konnongorring
Manmanning
Marchagee
Millstream Homestead
Mount Magnet South
Mount Ney
Mt Augustus
Needilup
Pantapin
Piawaning
Pindar

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Pullagaroo RT
Shamrock Road, Cranbrook
South Cascade
South Yelbini
Tenindewa Yuna Road, Greater Geraldton
Tjuntjuntjara
Tone Road, Kojonup
Warooka North
West Tambellup
Wogerlin Hill
Wongooddy Tardun Road, Greater Geraldton
Yallallie

The following mobile base stations are funded in the 2018-19 budget year.

Regional Telecommunications Project - Mobile Black Spot Program Round 1
Bindoon West
Boolathana
Cape Cuvier
Cardabia
Cave Spring
Cundinup
Goongarrie
Grey
Hamelin Bay
Inggarda
Kalgan
Koolanooka
Lake Argyle
Learmonth
Leeuwin
Minilya
William Bay Road, Denmark
Mt Burdett
Rainolli Road, Boyup Brook
Mr Frankland West
Noonkanbah
Nornalup
Ocean Beach
Point Quobba
Red Bluff
Denbarker
Seabird
Peaceful Bay, South Coast Highway
Plantagenet, Tindale Road
Warroora
Yandeyarra

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Regional Telecommunications Project - Mobile Black Spot Program Round 2
Alexander Bay (campground)
Burringurrah
Cape Le Grand (Lucky Bay Campground)
Conto's Campsite
Daniell Siding
Deepdene
Drysdale River Station
Ellenbrae Station
Francois Peron National Park
Greater Beedelup National Park
Jangardup Road
Kalumburu
Kennedy Ranges National Park Campground
Maranup
Martinup Road
Mindibunga
Mount Lindesay Road
Mount Singleton
Mt Barnett Roadhouse
Mt Gibson Highway
Narracoota
Ora Banda
Paynes Find
Piesseville
Purnululu - Wilderness Lodge
Purnululu - Kurrajong
Purnululu Visitor Centre
Rowland Avenue, Irwin
Stakewell
Strickland Road, Nannup
Tincurrin
Warren National Park
Winnejup
Yeriminup Road
Yoganup (Whicher Range)

- b) Please provide a list of sites that are not yet commissioned and their likely commissioning date;

Answer

The Regional Telecommunications Project's mobile black spot sites are all due for completion by 31 December 2018 as required by the Commonwealth Government.

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Exact commissioning dates for sites to be completed are not available as approval timings and construction schedules are subject to change.

- c) Given there is no funding allocated to the project beyond 2018-19 is this no longer a priority for the State government?

Answer

The Federal Government determined that Round 3 would be decided and funded entirely by the Commonwealth, so no budget allocation was required. Round 3 was fully allocated during the 2016 federal election.

We will be willing to participate in any future round where the State Government is involved in prioritisation of sites.



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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Robin Chapple MLC asked:

1. I refer to the statement in Budget Paper No 3, Page 106: 'Additional expenditure of \$12.8 million from 2017-18 to 2021-22 has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007. The State's contribution of \$6.4 million will match updated rates levied on properties for declared pest control activities, including the introduction of five new Regional Biosecurity Groups.' and ask:

- (a) how much of the funding will be spent towards the eradication of the cane toad for each of the years from 2017-18 to 2021-22;

Answer

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is the lead agency for biosecurity in WA and administers the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*. Other agencies can nominate species for declaration as pests and take leadership of control and management of those pests. The role of DPIRD in these instances is to ensure appropriate legislation is in place to enable pest management.

The lead agency for the management of cane toads in Western Australia is the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). DBCA is responsible for on ground control, research and extension activities for cane toads. Funding for these activities does not appear in the DPIRD budget.

- (b) if no funding has been allocated to the eradication of the cane toad, why not; and

Answer

See above. Funding these activities is the responsibility of DBCA.

- (c) if funding has been allocated to the eradication of the cane toad please list to which programs and for each of the years from 2017-18 to 2021-22?

Answer

Not applicable.

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Hon Robin Chapple MLC asked:

3. I refer to the 'North West Aboriginal Housing Initiative' on page 198 of Budget Paper No.2, Volume 1, Division 16, Part 4, subheading 'Asset Investment Program', listed in the table under 'Works in Progress' and ask:

- (a) why has there been a 300% increase in funding in the 2018-19 Budget Estimate compared to the 2017-18 Estimated Expenditure for the North West Aboriginal Housing Initiative; and

Answer

The project commenced in 2017-18, and therefore this expenditure relates to project establishment costs. 2018-19 funding is for infrastructure projects.

- (b) given the funding increase for the North West Aboriginal Housing Initiative, will the Government provide details of how the extra resources will be spent:

- (i) if no, why not; and
(ii) if yes, why are the resources being directed into those sectors of the North West Aboriginal Housing Initiative?

Answer

Funding relates to major housing projects in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions, based on identified need to provide appropriate and affordable housing options to support Aboriginal people living in WA's North-West.

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Western Australian Meat Industry Authority

Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

1. How many Aboriginal people were employed by the agency/department on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer

Nil

2. How many Aboriginal people employed by the agency/department were Level 8 and above (including Senior Executive Service positions) on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer

Not applicable



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South West Development Commission

Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

1. How many Aboriginal people were employed by the agency/department on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer

Nil

2. How many Aboriginal people employed by the agency/department were Level 8 and above (including Senior Executive Service positions) on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer

Not applicable.

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Rural Business Development Corporation

Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

1. How many Aboriginal people were employed by the agency/department on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer

Nil. The RBDC has no staff. DPIRD provide all services under a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the RBDC. Under the agreement, DPIRD provide the resources, including staff, for the RBDC to undertake its functions.

2. How many Aboriginal people employed by the agency/department were Level 8 and above (including Senior Executive Service positions) on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer

Not Applicable.

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Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

1. I refer to the line item - Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme in the spending changes table on page 189 Budget paper 2 V2:

(a) Please provide a breakdown of how many FTEs are included in this item, what levels they are and what division they were employed in for the following areas:

- (i) Albany;
- (ii) Augusta;
- (iii) Bridgetown;
- (iv) Bunbury;
- (v) Mandurah;
- (vi) Busselton;
- (vii) Collie;
- (viii) Manjimup;
- (ix) Margaret River;
- (x) Harvey;
- (xi) Pinjarra;
- (xii) Nannup;
- (xiii) Waroona;
- (xiv) Mount Barker;
- (xv) Dunsborough;
- (xvi) Donnybrook;
- (xvii) Denmark;
- (xviii) Jerramungup;
- (xix) Boyup Brook;
- (xx) Dwellingup;
- (xxi) other South West Region locations; and
- (xxii) the metropolitan region combined?

Answer

Refer to Tabled paper

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Region	Location	Division (former)	Mapping - DPIRD Pillar	Classification level	FTE		
Southern	Albany	Agriculture and Food	Industry & Economic Development	Level 2	1		
				Specified Calling Level 2	1		
				Specified Calling Level 5	1		
				Level 3	1		
				Level 3	1		
		Fisheries	Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 7	1		
		Regional Development - RDC	Industry & Economic Development	Level 1	1		
				Level 6	1		
		Albany Count					8
		Augusta Count					0
	Bridgetown Count					0	
	Bunbury	Agriculture and Food	Industry & Economic Development	Level 5	1		
				Level 1	1		
		Regional Development - RDC	Industry & Economic Development	Level 5	1		
	Bunbury Count					3	
	Mandurah	Fisheries	Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 7	1		
		Regional Development - RDC	Industry & Economic Development	Level 7	1		
				Level 7	2		
	Mandurah Count					4	
	Bussellton Count					0	
	Collie Count					0	
	Manjimup Count					0	
	Margaret River Count					0	
	Harvey Count					0	
	Pinjarra Count					0	
	Nannup Count					0	
	Waroona Count					0	
	Mount Barker Count					0	
	Dunsborough Count					0	
	Donnybrook Count					0	
	Denmark Count					0	
	Jerramungup Count					0	
	Boyup Brook Count					0	
	Dwellingup Count					0	
	Other South West Locations					0	
		Katanning Research Facility	Agriculture and Food	Industry & Economic Development	Level 6	1	
	Katanning Research Facility Count					1	
		Vasse Research Facility	Agriculture and Food	Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 5	1	
	Vasse Research Facility Count					1	
	Metro	Fremantle	Fisheries	Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 5	1	
Fisheries and Marine Officer 3					1		
Level 8					1		
Fremantle Count					3		
Hillarys		Fisheries	Industry & Economic Development	Specified Calling Level 4	1		
				Strategy & Capability	Level 3	1	
				Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 2	0.8	
					Level 5	1	
					Level 5	1	
					Level 4	1	
					Level 7	1	
Level 2		0.6					

Region	Location	Division (former)	Mapping - DPIRD Pillar	Classification level	FTE	
				Fisheries and Marine Officer 4	1	
				Level 2	1	
				Level 2	1	
Hillarys Count					10.4	
Perth	Perth	Fisheries	Strategy & Capability	Level 2	1	
				Level 3	1	
				Level 4	0.6	
				Level 5	1	
				Specified Calling Level 5	1	
				Level 3	1	
			Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 3	1	
				Level 4	1	
				Level 8	1	
				Level 7	2	
				Level 6	1	
				Level 5	1	
		Regional Development	Industry & Economic Development	Level 2	1	
				Level 3	2	
				Level 5	1	
				Level 8	1	
				Level 5	1	
				Level 6	1	
				Level 6	1	
				Office of the Director General	Level 7	1
				Strategy & Capability	Level 4	1
				Level 6	1	
Perth Count					23.6	
South Perth	South Perth	Agriculture and Food	Industry & Economic Development	Level 2	1	
				Specified Calling Level 2	1	
				Specified Calling Level 5	2	
				Level 3	3	
				Level 5	1	
				Level 7	2	
				Specified Calling Level 5	1	
				Specified Calling Level 4	1	
				Level 8	1	
				Specified Calling Level 3	1	
				Specified Calling Level 4	1	
				Level 4	1	
				Level 5	1	
				Level 4	2	
				Office of the Director General	Level 3	0.5
				Strategy & Capability	Level 1	2
					Level 2	2
					Level 8	1
			Level 3		1	
			Level 3		1	
			Level 2		1	
			Level 7		5	
			Level 8		1	
			Level 1		1	
			Level 5		1	
			Level 2		1	
			Level 7		1	
			Level 8	1		

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				Level 7	1	
				Level 6	1	
				Level 4	1	
			Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 5	1	
				Specified Calling Level 5	1	
				Level 7	1	
				Level 6	2	
				Specified Calling Level 4	1	
				Specified Calling Level 4	1	
South Perth Count48.5						
Victoria Park	Fisheries	Sustainability & Biosecurity	Level 8		1	
Victoria Park Count1						

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

2. I refer to Budget Paper 3 page 170 and the cessation of Royalties for Regions funds for the Aboriginal Tourism Development Program from 2019-20 onwards:
- (a) What plans does the Government have to continue supporting the development and expansion of Aboriginal tourism businesses and products beyond 2019-20;
 - (b) Given its success to date, has consideration been given to extend the program beyond 2019-20; and
 - (c) If no to b) why has the government decided not to extend this valuable project?

Answer

- (a)-(c) Tourism WA has carriage to deliver this project. Should there be a requirement for additional funds into the out-years to extend the delivery of the project, Tourism WA is required to submit a business case to the Expenditure Review Committee as part of the next budget process.

A number of other Royalties for Regions programs provide support for Aboriginal tourism including the Regional Events Scheme.

Further questions should be directed to the Minister for Tourism.



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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

3. I refer to the Regional Economic Development Grants program of \$22.5 million from 2018-19 to 2021-2022 (Budget paper 3 page 6):

- (a) Is this a new program, or a continuation of a past program;

Answer

The Regional Economic Development Grants is a new regional grant program.

- (b) what is the selection criteria and eligibility for community-driven projects;

Answer

The guidelines and eligibility criteria are currently being developed for delivery of the program in 2018-19 financial year. The program will focus on community-led projects that drive job creation and economic growth in regional WA.

- (c) Will a percentage of the grant funds be allocated to Aboriginal applicants; and

Answer

The program will be delivered through a competitive rounds process open to all of the community.

- (d) How will the funds be distributed across the nine development regions?

Answer

It is anticipated each region will receive \$500,000 per annum with the remainder being available for inter-regional or special projects.

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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The Committee

Hon Colin Tincknell MLC asked:

1. I note a reduction of 28 FTE in the Regional Industry Investment Facilitation Unit.
 - a) Is the Minister able to provide a list of JDF positions being cut? If this level of detail is not available, can the Minister outline the general roles and duties of the 28 FTE being cut?

Answer

The Department's 2018-19 Budget has been developed in the context of a new Outcome Based Management (OBM) framework which reflects the integration of DPIRD's operations.

The Department is required to report its Total Cost of Services and FTEs (as detailed in the Income Statement) against its OBM framework in the Budget Papers, allocated across the Department's seven services. The FTE numbers in the 2018-19 Budget Papers are an estimate of staffing levels, allocated by cost to projects, within each of the Department's service areas.

As per the Department's Income Statement, Estimated Actual FTE's for the whole Department as at 2017-18 are 1,756, this is budgeted to reduce to 1,654 in 2018-19. This drop of FTE by 102 is a direct result of the Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme, SES Reductions and Public Sector Wages Policy savings measures outlined in the 2018-19 budget. Of the 102 FTE reduction, 28 FTEs are attributable to the Regional Industries and Community Development Investment Facilitation service.

- b) Is the Minister able to assure parliament that WA's regional industries will not be adversely affected by these cuts?

Answer

Services delivered are to be addressed through a comprehensive capability review to be undertaken in conjunction with the Departments of the Premier and Cabinet and Treasury. This review will allow the Government to confirm DPIRD's required scope of activities and services, and ensure a sustainable budget commitment within and beyond the 2019-20 State Budget.



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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Colin Tincknell MLC asked:

2. I note a reduction of 50 FTE in the Regional Technical and Technological Development unit.
- a) Is the Minister able to provide a list of JDF of positions being cut? If this level of detail is not available, can the Minister outline the general roles and duties of the 50 FTE being cut?

Answer

The Department's 2018-19 Budget has been developed in the context of a new Outcome Based Management (OBM) framework which reflects the integration of DPIRD's operations.

The Department is required to report its Total Cost of Services and FTEs (as detailed in the Income Statement) against its OBM framework in the Budget Papers, allocated across the Department's seven services. The FTE numbers in the 2018-19 Budget Papers are an estimate of staffing levels, allocated by cost to projects, within each of the Department's service areas.

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- b) Is the Minister able to assure parliament that WA's regional industries will not be adversely affected by this loss of staff?

Answer

Services delivered are to be addressed through a comprehensive capability review to be undertaken in conjunction with the Departments of the Premier and Cabinet and Treasury. This review will allow the Government to confirm DPIRD's required scope of activities and services, and ensure a sustainable budget commitment within and beyond the 2019-20 State Budget.



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Hon Colin Tincknell MLC asked:

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- a) Can the Minister outline the rationale behind a drop of \$17 million in Appropriations?

Answer

The reduction in appropriation of \$17 million occurs from the 2018-19 Budget to the 2021-22 Budget.

This drop in appropriation relates to the net impact of over 1,000 adjustments, dating as far back as the 2015-16 Budget year, applied to the current DPIRD, and the former Departments of Agriculture and Food, Regional Development, and Fisheries, and the nine Regional Development Commissions.

Noting this, it would not be possible to provide you with a comprehensive and complete reconciliation outlining this drop in appropriation.

- b) How much of this drop in appropriations is due to SES review, public sector wages policy, VTSS, and how much is due to a drop in services delivered?

Answer

The drop in appropriation between 2018-19 to 2021-22 can be partially attributed to the following items:

SES Review	Nil.
Public Sector Wages Policy	\$1,939,000.
VTSS	\$281,000.

Services delivered are to be addressed through a comprehensive capability review to be undertaken in conjunction with the Departments of Premier and Cabinet and Treasury. This review will allow the Government to confirm DPIRD's required scope of activities and services, and ensure a sustainable budget commitment within and beyond the 2019-20 State Budget.



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Hon Colin Tincknell MLC asked:

4.

- a) Can the Minister give a status update on the Water for Food programme, and its funding arrangements for the next three years?

Answer

The five year \$40 million Water for Food programme (comprising West Kimberley and Part II projects) is on track for completion in 2018/19. An additional \$800,000 for West Kimberley has been allocated in 2018/19 to continue the work based from Broome bringing the total for the programme to \$40.8 million over the five years.

- b) How have changes to Royalties for Regions funding affected the Water for Food programme?

Answer

The addition of \$800,000 is the only change to the Water for Food programme.



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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

1. I refer to Page 189, ninth dot point, Kimberley Schools Program:

- (a) Please provide information about this program including the nature of this program and at which schools it has been delivered;

Answer

The Kimberley Schools Program is supported through a \$25 million Royalties for Regions investment (\$23.6 million to the Department of Education and \$1.4 million to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development). The purpose of the investment is to accelerate and intensify existing strategies to address low education outcomes in the Kimberley and underpin broader economic and social development in the region.

On 30 January 2018, the State Government announced the first ten schools that would participate in the Kimberley Schools Program.

- Bayulu Remote Community School (Public School);
- Dawul Remote Community School (Public School);
- Derby District High School (Public School);
- Djugerari Remote Community School (Public School);
- Kalumburu Remote Community School (Public School);
- Looma Remote Community School (Public School);
- La Grange Remote Community School (Public School);
- Nyikina Mangala Community School (Independent School);
- Wangkatjungka Remote Community School (Public School); and
- Wyndham District High School (Public School).

- (b) Has this program now been cut;

Answer

No.

- (c) If no to b), please advise how much funding has been allocated to this program for 2018-19 and into the forward estimates; and

Answer

In the forward estimates the following funding has been approved to support this program:

- Department of Education (\$9.6 million in 2018-19, \$4.4 million in 2019-20, \$3.7 million in 2020-21)
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (\$0.3 million in 2018-19, \$0.3 million in 2019-20, \$0.3 million in 2020-21)

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- (d) How is this program different from the Kimberley Schools Project?

Answer

This is the same project, the terminology 'Project' and 'Program' have been used interchangeably during the history of the project.

