



# 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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#### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

#### **Honourable Brendon Grylls MLA**

Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport

In accordance with Section 61 of the Financial Management Act 2006, we hereby submit for your information and presentation to Parliament, the Annual Report of the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission for the financial year ended 30 June 2008

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the FMA 2006, Treasury Instructions and Audit Act 1985.

Chairman

**Graham Thomson** 

Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

17/09/2008

Robert Hicks

Chief Executive Officer

Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

17/09/2008

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As this report goes to print, the Goldfields-Esperance region is experiencing challenging and exciting times.

We have been fortunate to have the Hon. Ljiljanna Ravlich MLA as the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance and it is pleasing to see the good working relationship that has developed between the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) and the Ministerial office. The support and encouragement received from the Minister and staff for the new and innovated initiatives developed by the GEDC stands as a testament to that relationship. This endorsement reinforces the Board's resolve to continue to deliver necessary services that will ultimately maximise regional development opportunities.

The two significant regional issues are infrastructure and work-force related.

The restructuring of the Department of Industry & Resources (DoIR) has potentially presented the opportunity for the GEDC to play a greater role in future major project developments. In brief, DoIR will concentrate on their traditional role dealing with tenements and associated "inside the fence" issues while "outside the fence" infrastructure matters will be handled by other organisations. On the basis that all parties agree, and Ministerial endorsement is received, the GEDC has an expectation that its role will be significantly expanded. Whilst that might appear an additional task, the GEDC has chosen to take advantage of the opportunity. To have qualified and appropriate personnel supplementing the current services provided by the GEDC is seen as a positive and responsible move.

Future resource projects will be required to bear the responsibility of seeing the developer/Government interagency coordination process properly handled. Those specifically appointed personnel will work from the GEDC under the direction of our CEO, and I have no doubt we will see an increase in activities in all areas under the responsibility of the GEDC.

Meanwhile transport infrastructure continues to present exciting challenges for the GEDC. The foresight of the previous GEDC Chairman to focus attention on transport infrastructure has proven to be somewhat prophetic given the ongoing importance of the Goldfields-Esperance Transport Upgrade Programme (GETUP) group. Foreshadowing possible new resource projects that could come on stream, the GEDC understands the critical need for reliable transport infrastructure. Indeed, any one of these projects has the potential to put our transport infrastructure under severe strain. The GEDC has been proactive and forward thinking insofar as our Minister has approved the appointment of a competent consultant who will help drive this issue over the next twelve months. Moreover, we have been fortunate to secure funding from the private sector to meet consultant costs.

With a December 2007 quarter unemployment rate of 2.8% the region has been experiencing significant labour-force pressures. We are confident that the recently published ten year Workforce Development Plan, initiated by the Goldfields-Esperance Workforce Development Alliance (GEWDA), will give guidance to help address those issues.

GEDC has been active through the Regional Development Council (RDC). The CEO has addressed some of our achievements in the Executive Summary. What is pleasing is to know that the CEO and staff are held in high regard. Many key issues presented to the Regional Development Council and Cabinet Standing Committee for Regional Policy (CSCRP) are the result of initiatives from the GEDC working in conjunction with other regional development commissions as appropriate.

As we approach the next twelve months, we know that we will continue to see significant developments in our region. While we may appear to concentrate on those areas associated with the mining industry, we understand and will continue to pursue social and community development as appropriate and as the opportunities present.

Our working relationship with key regional stakeholders is of particular note. The GEDC values its relationships because we know that we cannot expect to deliver good regional outcomes without the help and support of the nine local government authorities, Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chamber of Mineral and Energy, government departments, industry and community.

It has been a pleasure to chair such a pro-active and responsible board during the year. Stephen Tonkin, Kim Hastie, Brenda Tilbrook, Jeffrey Carter, Karen Jamvold, Tony Bright, Tim Dobson and Dinty Mather have brought to the table significant experience and expertise in a wide variety of fields. Kim left us in April 2008 after making a valuable contribution to the Board.

Equally, the incredible levels of service and dedication from the staff, is appreciated. Nothing achieved this year would have transpired except for their tenacity and sense of purpose. My sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of the staff.

**Graham Thomson** 

Chairman

Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

17/09/2008

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission's (GEDC) role is to promote sustainable economic and social development throughout the region.

The GEDC reports to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance, Hon. Lliljanna Ravlich, the Board of Management is chaired by Mr Graham Thomson and Mr Robert Hicks is the Chief Executive Officer; managing three offices and 12 FTEs.

In 2007-2008 the resource and agricultural sectors continued to be the major economic drivers of the Goldfields-Esperance Region. The continuing demand for commodities by other countries - particularly for nickel and gold - has meant that there has been unprecedented demand for skilled labour and greater pressure on infrastructure. We have been active in supporting businesses and people that have chosen to live and work in a region. The region plays a key role in overall state development.

We have worked in close partnership with community organisations, industry, local government and government agencies to ensure that government is aware of the needs to meet the economic and social infrastructure requirements to keep pace with known and proposed developments.

Our growing reputation as an outcomes focused organisation has served to increase credibility with regional stakeholders.

We have supported a range of projects and initiatives that have resulted in the expansion and diversification of our region's economic development.

Infrastructure, particularly transport, power, water and communications issues, along with the need to continually expand workforce labour, continue to be our key regional priorities.

Actions taken during the year to address these priorities have included:

- 1. Finalisation of the Goldfields-Esperance Workforce Development Alliance's (GEWDA) "Workforce Futures for the Goldfields-Esperance Region Summary Report and Workforce Plan" that will give regional stakeholders a better understanding of current and future workforce requirements.
- 2. The Goldfields-Esperance Transport Upgrade Program (GETUP), an initiative of the GEDC, lobbied the Federal Government to contribute funding for the Esperance Port Access Corridor. In part, this lobbying contributed to a pre-election commitment of \$60 million toward this project. Moreover, with our Ministers endorsement, we were successful in securing \$100,000 from the private sector to engage an external consultant to assist us in converting the plans for our regional transport infrastructure agenda into reality.
- 3. As a result of staff shortages and restructuring within the Department of Industry and Resources, the decision was taken to broaden the GEDC's scope of works to enable it to take a greater "outside the fence" coordination role for major new resource projects. The Minister for Goldfields-Esperance has sanctioned this strategic move. This will see an even greater level of

communication and cooperation between the GEDC and the resource sector, in order to see resource projects established in the minimum timeframe.

Other major projects and significant achievements for the year are detailed under our Service Provisions.

Services provided and delivered by us include:

- Regional Economic Modelling (REMPLAN), which accurately assesses the benefits to community and government of projects.
- Regional Certifying Body for specific skilled migration visas
- Grants information and Regional Development Scheme funding
- Industry Development Centre website to encourage local purchasing
- Aboriginal Economic Development
- Statistics information

Our Strategic Plan underwent a review process involving Board and staff. The Strategic Plan continues to be committed to the State Government's "Better Planning; Better Services – A Strategic Planning Framework for the Western Australian Public Service". We have also complied with all requirements as set down under the Public Sector Standards, various Codes and Public Sector Management Act 1994.

The prudent and competent financial management of the GEDC was recognised by the Auditor General and an independent process audit found no adverse findings during the year.

No Ministerial Directives were received during the financial year.

The GEDC is pleased to present its Annual Report for 2007/2008.

Robert Hicks Chief Executive Officer Goldfields Esperance Development Commission 17/09/2008

#### **ABOUT US**

#### **Enabling Legislation**

The GEDC was established as a Statutory Authority under the Regional Development Commission Act 1993.

#### Responsible Minister

Honourable Ljiljanna Ravlich MLA

Minister For Local Government; Racing And Gaming; Multicultural Interests And Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting The Minister For Planning And Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth.

#### Mission

To increase investment and attract population to our Region.

#### Strategic Direction

Our achievements for 2007-2008 have been underpinned by our revised Strategic Plan which is aligned with the State Government's commitment to working towards achieving a sustainable Western Australia. The Strategic Plan enables us to continue to meet the needs of our stakeholders, capitalise on sustainable development opportunities and provide a clear direction for our future actions and projects.

Our Strategic Plan is revised by our Board of Management annually.

#### Key Result Areas

There are two Key Result Areas under our strategic plan as of 2007-2008.

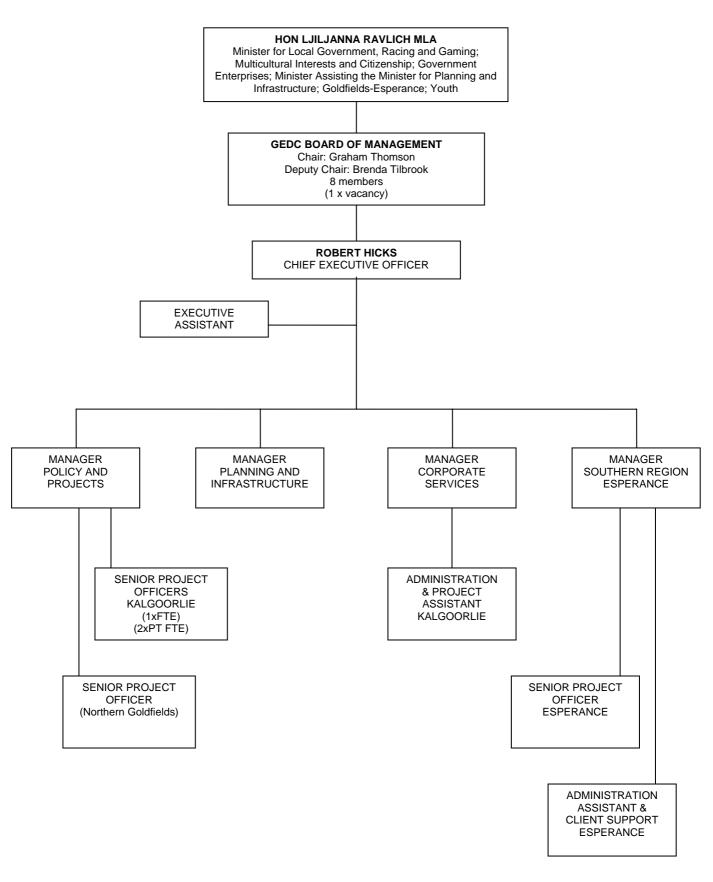
- **1.** Facilitation of the provision of appropriate infrastructure and industry services.
- **2.** Promotion of the region and its investment opportunities.

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#### **STRUCTURE**



#### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The Board of Management is established under Part 2 Section 5 and Part 3 Sections 15 & 16 of the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993* and comprises members who represent the following:

Community (x3)
 Local Government (x3)
 Ministerial (x3)
 CEO/Director (x1)

#### **OUR BOARD**

#### 1. Graham Thomson

Position: Chairman

Representative: Ministerial (Term expiry 31/12/08)

Mr Thomson is the Managing Director of Logistic Management Services Pty Ltd and the National Reconciliation Forum Pty Ltd; Chairman of LMS Ministries Ltd, Mine Chaplaincy Inc and the Family Training Institute Inc. Graham is a Director of GPC Pastoral Management Pty Ltd, Graham is also a Board Member of the Diggers and Dealers Forum and a City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillor. Graham is very passionate about the region and is committed to the long-term social and economic sustainability of the region.

Mr Thomson is the Managing Director of Logistic Management Services Pty Ltd and the National Reconciliation Forum Pty Ltd; Chairman of LMS Ministries Ltd, Mine Chaplaincy Inc, and the Family Training Institute Inc. Graham is a director of GPC Pastoral Management Pty Ltd, a Board Member of the Diggers and Dealers Mining Forum and a City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillor.

#### 2. Cr Brenda Tilbrook

Position: Deputy Chairperson

Representative: Local Government (Term expires 01/01/2011)

Brenda Tilbrook is a Ravensthorpe local and the President of the Ravensthorpe Shire Council. Brenda is also involved in the Rural Communities Program, the South East Coastal Regional Education and Training Group, the South East Coastal Shires Alliance, the Ravensthorpe Anglican Parish Council and the Ravensthorpe Health Advisory Committee. Brenda works tirelessly behind-the-scenes to ensure positive social and economic outcomes for the Region, particularly with regard to the Ravensthorpe Nickel Project.

#### 3. Karen Jamvold

**Position:** Board Member

**Representative:** Ministerial (Term expiry 01/01/2011)

Karen Jamvold is the Director of Kalgoorlie based Curtin Vocational Training and Education Centre (VTEC). She has a Diploma in Teaching and a Bachelor of Education and has a high degree of expertise in a range of leadership and management fields. Ms Jamvold's experience and knowledge in relation to workforce training and development issues will be an invaluable addition to the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission

Board of Management.

#### 4. VACANT

Position: Board Member

Representative: Community (Term expiry)

#### 5. Anthony Bright

Position: Board Member

Representative: Community (Term expiry 01/01/2011)

Anthony Bright is a Regional Development Consultant. He has previously been a Board member and a past employee of the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission. Mr Bright's expertise and insights will add considerable value to the Board. He is well placed to represent the best interests of the southern parts of the region that include the Shires of Esperance and

Ravensthorpe.

#### 6. Cr Stephen Tonkin

**Position:** Board Member

Representative: Local Government (Term expiry 31/12/2008)

Stephen Tonkin has lived in the region all his life and he and his wife own and operate Gindalbie Station 60km north east of Kalgoorlie. Stephen has been actively involved in local government for fifteen years with both the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Shire of Menzies. Stephen is currently the President of the Shire of Menzies. Stephen enjoys supporting the GEDC to improve facilities and services in the region to ensure it continues to grow and prosper. He is keen to see the region become a place where

families settle and stay longer.

#### 7. Diarmid Mather

**Position:** Board Member

Representative: Community (Term expires 30/06/2009)

Diarmid Mather is a senior lecturer in economics at the Western Australian School of Mines. He has previously been involved with

regional development in South Africa.

#### 8. Timothy Dobson

Position: Board Member

**Representative:** Ministerial (Term expires 30/06/2009)

Timothy Dobson is the Director of TDC Services Pty Ltd. Tim has worked in both local and international mining operations for the past 20 years after graduating from the WA School of Mines with a

Bachelor of Applied Science (Extractive Metallurgy).

#### 9. Cr Jeffery Carter

Position: Board Member

Representative: Local Government (Term expiry 01/01/2011)

Jeffery Carter is currently the Deputy Shire President at the Shire of Leonora. He is a Pastoralist within the Shire of Leonora and his knowledge of the region would be well placed to represent the

interests of the Northern Goldfields Shires.

#### **AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

# Service 1 – Facilitation of the Provision of Appropriate Infrastructure and Industry

#### **Major Achievements**

- Continued to play a role in facilitating the development of both industrial and residential land in the Ravensthorpe Shire to meet demand, created as a result of BHP Billiton's \$2.8 billion Ravensthorpe Nickel Project.
- Provided ongoing assistance to the Shire of Esperance in the development of the Shark Lake Industrial Park to super-lot development stage.
- Actively engaged with Western Power, and other stakeholders, in the establishment and introduction of the Distribution Headworks Scheme and Rebate Scheme.
- As the result of a feasibility Study for a Technology Hub to be developed in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, the Commission is working with the Western Australian School of Mines (WASM) and other stakeholders, to establish a potential Virtual Technology Hub.
- Helped secure a \$60 million Federal Government commitment to upgrade the Esperance Port Access Corridor.
- Continued to convene the Esperance Utilities and Services Coordination Group.
- Successfully initiated the fly-in/fly-out and extractive industry projects through the Regional Development Council that could have positive state-wide regional impacts.
- Placed climate change on the Regional Development Council agenda for ongoing consideration and action.
- Continued to provide strategic advice to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance on contemporary region specific issues.
- Assisted the Esperance to Kalgoorlie desalination water pipeline proponent to engage with local stakeholders and relevant government agencies.
- Liaised with Landcorp on the development of additional residential land in Hopetoun.
- Hosted and actively promoted the Industry Development Centre website that had over 2,500 visitors per month and listed the profiles of 1,400 regional buyer and seller organisations.

- Participated in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder strategic planning process.
- Continued to be involved with and the promotion of the Department of Treasury and Finance Regional Buying Centre.
- Facilitated stakeholder dialogue with private enterprise to consider the possible establishment of a private hospital.

# Service 2 – Promotion of the Region and its Investment Opportunities

#### **Major Achievements**

#### **Grants & Funding**

- Provided grants information and support services to local government authorities, government agencies, industry and community groups.
- Facilitated and administered the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Development Scheme (GERDS) and other State funding relating to regional development. Successful applicants in the 2007-2008 GERDS round were:-

RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Ravensthorpe & District Rural	Australian Country Information	
Communities Program Inc.	Services	\$13,444.00
	Menzies Caravan Park Extension &	
Shire of Menzies	Upgrade	\$88,304.40
	Norseman Tourism Heritage Precinct	
Shire of Dundas	Phase 4	\$150,000.00
Hopetoun Telecentre	Relocation & Refurbishment	\$35,000.00
Kalgoorlie-Boulder PCYC	Upgrade & Extensions	\$20,451.88
	Sporting Chance Nth Goldfields Sport	
Shire of Leonora	& Rec	\$36,000.00
Esperance Chamber of		
Commerce	Restoration of group	\$17,050.00
Laverton Leonora Cross	Prepare 3yr strategic plan for future	
Cultural Ass.	direction	\$6,363.64
	Integrated Collections Management	
EG Historical Society Inc	System	\$24,375.27
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Lotteries		
House	New conference room furniture	\$2,374.00
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Cemetery		
Board	Auxiliary Equipment	\$81,264.55
Shire of Coolgardie	Town Hall Museum	\$61,380.00
Scaddan Pioneer Park		
Committee	2nd Stage Park Project	\$18,181.79

- Partnered with Curtin Vocational and Training Education Centre, Indigenous organisations, relevant state and federal agencies and mining companies to develop specific work readiness and introduction to mining courses and traineeships in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- Worked with mining companies and Indigenous organisations in the Northern Goldfields to develop local training and mentorship programs to increase Indigenous participation in the workforce.
  - Administered funding from the Aboriginal Economic Development Division of the Department of Industry and Resources, to roll-out governance and business training programs to the five Aboriginal Arts Centres in the Shire of

- Ngaanyatjarraku, including branding and marketing of this area to strengthen national and international art sales.
- Assisted Indigenous individuals seeking to become business operators to source start-up loans and mentoring support.
- Worked directly with mining companies to assist in implementing their Indigenous engagement and employment strategies.
- Introduced a new electronic newsletter format. This format has proved more popular than the previous printed format.
- Continued a regular 'Growing the Region' column in the local press and developed close working relationships with all regional media outlets.
- Engaged with the Australian Bureau of Statistics to be more actively involved in regional data gathering and data dissemination.
- Initiated community liaison to help establish an independent Goldfields-Esperance Community Foundation Advisory Group to replace of the Interim Advisory Group. Actively promoted the Goldfields-Esperance Community Foundation in order to attract new funding.
- Established a tripartite partnering arrangement with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Chamber of Minerals and Energy for the 'What's Down the Track' annual information sharing forum.
- Continued to use the Heads of Agency meeting to coordinate and facilitate the dissemination of regional information.
- Continued to participate in interagency, business and community meetings, as appropriate, to provide information and promote the Commission's services, to maintain business and community linkages and keep abreast of issues across the region.
- Continued to be an active participant on the Business Enterprise Centre Board so as to help foster small business start-ups.
- Actively participated in the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional networking committee.
- Reviewed the agency's Strategic Plan.

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

#### **Advertising & Sponsorship**

In accordance with section 175ZE of the Electoral Act 1907, the following expenditure was incurred:-

- 1. Total expenditure for 2007/2008 was \$17,204
- 2. Expenditure was incurred in the following areas:

CLASS OF EXPENDITURE	ORGANIZATION	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
Advertising Agencies	Marketforce	\$12,693
Media	Kalgoorlie	\$313
	Miner/Esperance Express	
	Community News	\$105
Polling Organizations	Nil	\$Nil
Sponsorship	Curtin VTEC	\$1,500
Market Research	Asset Research	\$2,593
Direct Mailing	NIL	NIL

#### **Contracts with Senior Officers**

At the date of reporting, other than normal contracts of employment of service, no Senior Officers, or firms of which Senior Officers are members, or entities in which Senior Officers have substantial interests had any interests in existing or proposed contracts with the GEDC and Senior Officers.

#### **Ministerial Directives**

No Ministerial directives were received during the financial year.

#### **Compliance With Relevant Written Law**

In the performance of its functions the Commission complies with the following laws:

Financial Management Act 2006	State Supply Commission Act 1991
Auditor Generals Act 2006	Equal Opportunity Act 1984
Salary & Allowances Act 1975	Gov Employees Super Act 1987
Government Employees Housing Act	Disability Services Act 1993
Public Disclosure Act 2003	State Records Act 2000
Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984	Freedom of Information Act 1992
Public Sector Management Act 1994	

#### **Public Sector Management Act 31(1)**

- 1. In the administration of the GEDC, I have complied with the Public Sector Standards in Human Resource Management, the Western Australian Public Sector Code of Ethics and our Code of Conduct.
- 2. I have in place procedures designed to ensure such compliance and conducted appropriate internal assessments to satisfy myself that the statement made in 1 is correct.
- 3. The applications made for breach of standards review and the corresponding outcomes for the reporting period are:
  - Number lodged
    Number of breaches found
    Number still under review
    Nil



Robert Hicks
Chief Executive Officer
Goldfields Esperance Development Commission
17/09/2008

#### **Occupation Safety Heath (OSH)**

- 1. No claims for 07-08.
- 2. We are committed to maintaining our record of nil claims.
- 3. Staff are made aware of OSH at time of induction and continuing awareness to OSH obligations are made at all team meetings.
- 4. Close liaison with Riskcover staff is maintained to ensure we are fully informed of our obligations under the Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981.

#### **Disability & Inclusion Plan**

The DAIP has been implemented successfully and the following initiatives have been achieved during 2007/08 to address the 7 desired outcomes:

- 1. People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of and any events of the GEDC
  - a. Use of checklists when organizing meetings or events
  - b. Reference to DIAP to contractors engaged by GEDC
- 2. People with disabilities will have the same opportunities as other people to access the GEDC's buildings and facilities.
  - a. Alternative formats for information services can be provided.
  - b. Increased staff awareness of issues relating to accessibility.
- 3. People with disabilities receive information in a format that enables them to access information readily.
  - a. All communication is provided in clear and concise language.

- b. Reference is made to alternative formats being available on all communications.
- c. Implemented e-news as an alternative to printed version of our quarterly newsletter.
- 4. People with disabilities receive the same quality of service.
  - a. All staff are made aware of the need to provide the same level of service to all out clients.
- 5. People with disabilities have the same opportunities to make complaints to us.
  - a. Alternative formats are provided to all clients.
- 6. People with disabilities will have the same opportunities as other people to participate in public consultation.
  - a. Venues used for events are checked for disability access prior to booking.
- 7. People with disabilities have the same opportunities of employment with the GEDC.
  - a. Recruitment is available in different formats and via alternative mediums.

#### **Record Keeping Plan**

Our record keeping plan has been reviewed and submitted to the State Records Office.

- 1. Prior to sending to the State Records Office a checklist was undertaken to test the efficiency and effectiveness of the plan. No shortcomings were identified during this process.
- 2. We have officers responsible for the management of records and they conduct inductions with new staff to cover all aspects of records management at time of commencement. They are available to assist all staff with any record keeping enquires they may have.
- 3. Efficiency and effectiveness of training is conducted during the reviews of the plan.
- 4. All staff are made aware of their role and responsibilities for record keeping and management at induction by the responsible officers for records management within the agency.

#### **Sustainability**

All staff recognize and share the responsibility of achieving the required sustainability outcomes identified in the Sustainability Action Plan. Staff are encouraged to continually consider the principles while performing their work.

During 2007-08 we continued to address the targets as set out in our Plan as follows:

- 1. Increased awareness of sustainability principles and practices with staff, board and contractors.
- 2. Sustainability assessment has been used in planning and decision making.
- 3. Sustainability principles have been applied in procurement practice.
- 4. Resource consumption reductions targets are embraced by all staff.

#### PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance indicators are disclosed in the annual report in accordance with TI 904. In addition to the information disclosed in the report on operations, the Commission is required to disclose:

- The relationship between government goals, agency level government desired outcomes and services:
- Key performance indicators of effectiveness; and
- Key performance indicators of efficiency.

Key Effectiveness Indicators provide information on the extent of, or progress towards achievement of the Commission's desired outcome through the funding and delivery of services

Key efficiency indicators relate services to the level of resource inputs required to deliver them.

	2007-08 <sup>(1)</sup> Target \$000	2007-08 Actual \$000	Variation <sup>(2)</sup> \$000
Total cost of services	\$2,238	\$2,510	\$272
Net cost of services	\$1,618	\$2,499	\$881
Total equity	\$1,226	\$1,363	\$137
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	\$8	\$317	\$309
	No.	No.	No.
Approved full time equivalent (FTE) staff level	11	11	
Cost of Services per Hour	TARGET	ACTUAL	
1 – Facilitation Of The Provision Of Appropriate Infrastructure And Industry	\$115	\$112	\$3
2 – Promotion of the Region and its Investment Opportunities	\$123	\$112	\$11

- (1) As specified in budget statement for the 2007-2008.
- (2) Grant funds paid.

We recognise that the most accurate measure of our performance against outcomes is through the surveying of our key clients and equating effectiveness with client satisfaction.

An electronic questionnaire was emailed to a list of key clients. 107 questionnaires were completed, with a 66% response rate.

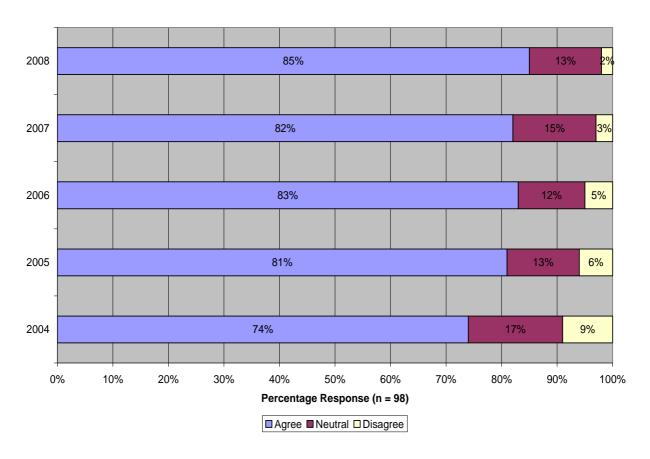
#### **Client Survey Results**

Respondents were asked to agree or disagree with a variety of statements relating to the contribution made to the region by the GEDC. Respondents were asked to rate the Commission's contribution to:

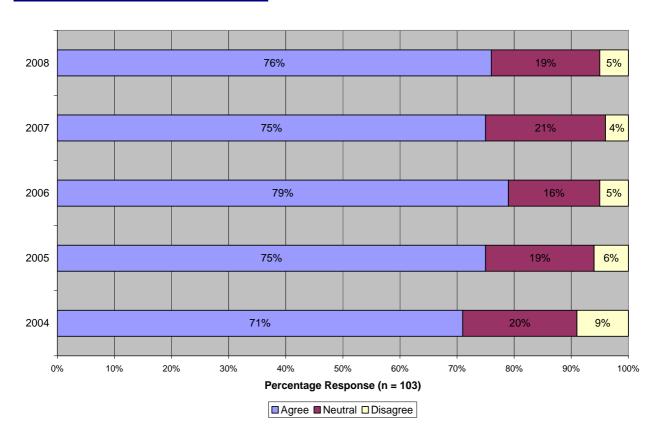
- economic development,
- social development,
- the balance between economic and social development.

This report is available in full from our web site.

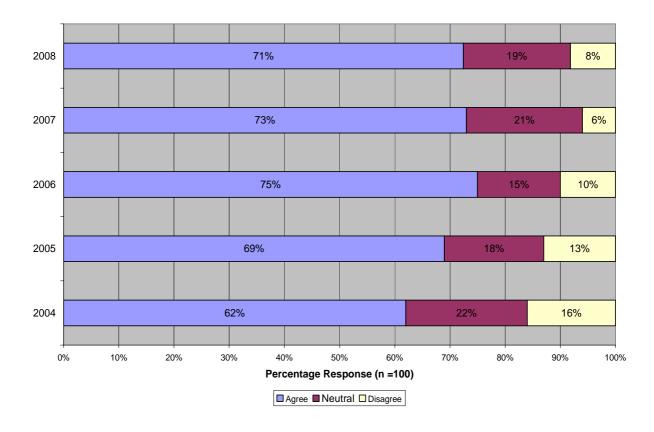
#### **Economic Contribution to the Region**



#### **Social Contribution to the Region**



#### **Balanced Contribution to the Region**



#### **CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

I hereby certify that the performance indicators are based on proper records, are relevant and appropriate for assisting users to assess our performance, and fairly represents our performance for financial year ended 30 June 2008.

**Graham Thomson** 

Chairman

Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

17/09/2008

**Robert Hicks** 

Chief Executive Officer
Goldfields Esperance Development Commission
17/09/2008



#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT OPINION

To the Parliament of Western Australia

#### GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

I have audited the accounts, financial statements, controls and key performance indicators of the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission.

The financial statements comprise the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory Notes.

The key performance indicators consist of key indicators of effectiveness and efficiency.

#### Commission's Responsibility for the Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators

The Commission is responsible for keeping proper accounts, and the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Treasurer's Instructions, and the key performance indicators. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and key performance indicators that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances; and complying with the Financial Management Act 2006 and other relevant written law.

#### Summary of my Role

As required by the Auditor General Act 2006, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators based on my audit. This was done by testing selected samples of the audit evidence. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion. Further information on my audit approach is provided in my audit practice statement. Refer "http://www.audit.wa.gov.au/pubs/Audit-Practice-Statement.pdf".

An audit does not guarantee that every amount and disclosure in the financial statements and key performance indicators is error free. The term "reasonable assurance" recognises that an audit does not examine all evidence and every transaction. However, my audit procedures should identify errors or omissions significant enough to adversely affect the decisions of users of the financial statements and key performance indicators.

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#### Goldfields Esperance Development Commission Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### **Audit Opinion**

In my opinion,

- (i) the financial statements are based on proper accounts and present fairly the financial position of the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission at 30 June 2008 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date. They are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Treasurer's Instructions;
- (ii) the controls exercised by the Commission provide reasonable assurance that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions; and
- (iii) the key performance indicators of the Commission are relevant and appropriate to help users assess the Commission's performance and fairly represent the indicated performance for the year ended 30 June 2008.

COLIN MURPHY AUDITOR GENERAL 19 September 2008

#### CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the Financial Management Act 2006 from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the year ending 30 June 2008 and the financial position as at 30 June 2008.

At the date of signing we are not aware of any circumstances that would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.

**Graham Thomson** 

Chairman

Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

17/09/2008

**Robert Hicks** 

Chief Executive Officer Goldfields Esperance Development Commission 17/09/2008

June Anderson

Chief Financial Officer Goldfields Esperance Development Commission 17/09/2008

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2008

		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
COST OF SERVICES	Note	Ψ	Ψ
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	4	943,405	980,583
Supplies and services (a)	5	314,177	351,152
Depreciation expense	6	35,084	38,386
Accommodation expense	7	187,734	179,573
Grants and subsidies	8	1,028,806	467,316
Other expenses	9	288	530
Carrying amount of assets written off	10	124	1,161
		2,509,618	2,018,701
Income Revenue User charges and fees Other revenue	11 11	- 11,045	11,136 66,905
Total income other than income from State Government		11,045	78,041
NET COST OF SERVICES	24	2,498,573	1,940,660
INCOME FROM STATE GOVERNMENT			
Service appropriation	12	1,677,000	1,452,000
Income received from State agencies	12	1,068,181	601,368
Total income from State Government		2,745,181	2,053,368
SURPLUS /(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		246,608	112,708

<sup>(</sup>a) Administration expenses are included in supplies and services.

See also note 34 Schedule of Income and Expenses by Service.

The Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

#### GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2008

	Note	2008	2007
ASSETS		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	24	897,666	572,352
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	13	467,769	490,629
Receivables	14	16,154	36,330
Amounts receivable for services	15	89,000	26,000
Other current assets	16	1,618	1,217
Total Current Assets		1,472,206	1,126,528
Non-Current Assets			
Amounts receivable for services	15	-	46,000
Plant and equipment	17	49,721	66,474
Intangible assets	18	4,990	9,633
Total Non-Current Assets		54,711	122,107
TOTAL ASSETS		1,526,917	1,248,635
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	20	58,740	69,969
Provisions	21	88,768	101,125
Other current liabilities	22	51,420	
Total Current Liabilities		198,928	171,094
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	21	33,078	38,238
Total Non-Current Liabilities		33,078	38,238
Total Liabilities		232,006	209,332
NET ASSETS		1,294,911	1,039,303
Equity			
Contributed equity	23	54,000	45,000
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	23	1,240,911	994,303
TOTAL EQUITY		1,294,911	1,039,303
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The Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

#### GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Note	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
Balance of equity at start of period		1,039,303	926,595
CONTRIBUTED EQUITY Balance at start of period Capital contribution Balance at end of period	23	45,000 9,000 54,000	45,000 - 45,000
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (RETAINED EARNINGS) Balance at start of period Surplus(deficit) or profit/(loss) for the period Balance at end of period		994,303 246,608 1,240,911	881,595 112,708 994,303
Balance of equity at end of the period		1,294,911	1,039,303
Total income and expense for the period	23	246,608	112,708

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

### GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Note	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u> \$
CASH FLOWS FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		Ψ	Ψ
Service appropriation		1,677,000	1,452,000
Capital contributions		-	-
Holding account draw downs		68,000	- 61 269
Income from State Government Agencies Grants from State Government Agencies		1,073,933	61,368 540,000
Net Cash Provided by State Government		2,818,933	2,053,368
Utilised as follows:			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING			
ACTIVITIES			
Payments			
Employee benefits		(963,574)	(981,181)
Supplies and services		(212,966)	(377,587)
Capital User Charge		- (4.070.005)	- (407.040)
Grants and subsidies		(1,073,695)	(467,316)
GST payments on purchases Accommodation		(178,299)	(116,540)
Accommodation		(202,694)	(180,346)
Receipts			
User charges and fees		17	11,143
Sale of goods and services		46,195	65,642
Commonwealth grants and contributions		-	-
GST receipts on sales		67,443	61,409
GST receipts from taxation authority		12,657	27,699
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating			
activities	24	(2,504,916)	(1,957,077)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	}		
Purchase of non-current physical assets		(11,563)	(6,831)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activ	vities	(11,563)	(6,831)
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash			
equivalents		302,454	89,460
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of			
period		1,062,981	973,521
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE			
END OF PERIOD	24	1,365,435	1,062,981

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

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#### **GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### 1. Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

#### General

The Commission's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008 have been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS), which comprise a Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements (the Framework) and Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

In preparing these financial statements the Commission has adopted, where relevant to its operations, new and revised Standards and Interpretations from their operative dates as issued by the AASB and formerly the Urgent Issues Group (UIG).

#### Early adoption of standards

The Commission cannot early adopt an Australian Accounting Standard or Australian Accounting Interpretation unless specifically permitted by TI 1101 'Application of Australian Accounting Standards and Other Pronouncements'. No Standards and Interpretations that have been issued or amended but are not yet effective have been early adopted by the Department for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2008.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### (a) General Statement

The financial statements constitute a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Statements, the Framework, Statements and Accounting Concepts and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, as applied by the Treasurer's Instructions. Several of these are modified by the Treasurer's Instructions to vary application, disclosure, format and wording.

The Financial Management Act and the Treasurer's Instructions are legislative provisions governing the preparation of financial statements and take precedence over Accounting Standards, the Framework, Statements of Accounting Concepts and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Where modification is required and has a material or significant financial effect upon the reported results, details of that modification and the resulting financial effect, are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

# GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the historical cost convention.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements have been consistently applied throughout all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars.

#### (c) Contributed Equity

UIG Interpretation 1038 'Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities' requires transfers in the nature of equity contributions to be designated by the government (the owner) as contributions by owners (at the time of, or prior to transfer) before such transfers can be recognised as equity contributions. Capital contributions (appropriations) have been designated as contributions by owners by TI 955 'Contributions by Owners made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities and have been credited directly to Contributed Equity.

Transfer of net assets to/from other agencies are designated as contributions by owners where the transfers are non-discretionary and non-reciprocal.

#### (d) Income

#### Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

#### Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised from the sale of goods and disposal of other assets when the significant risks and rewards of ownership control are transferred to the purchaser.

#### Rendering of services

Revenue is recognised on delivery of the service to the client or by reference to the stage of completion.

#### Service Appropriations

Service appropriations are recognised as revenue at a nominal value in the period in which the Commission gains control of the appropriated funds. The Commission gains control of appropriated funds at the time that those funds are deposited to the bank account or credited to the holding account held at the Department of Treasury.

#### GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (d) Income (continued)

#### Grants

Revenue is recognised at fair value when the Commission obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions; usually when cash is received.

Where contributions recognised as revenue during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the nature of, and amounts pertaining to, those under discharged conditions are disclosed in the notes.

#### Gains

Gains may be realised or unrealised and are usually recognised on a net basis. These include gains arising on the disposal of non-current assets; and some revaluations of non-current assets.

#### (e) Property and Equipment

#### Capitalisation or expensing of assets

Items of plant and equipment costing over \$1,000 are recognised as assets and the cost of utilising assets is expensed (depreciated) over their useful lives. From 1 July 2008 plant and equipment that cost over \$5,000 will be recognised as assets, see note 17.

#### Initial recognition and measurement

All items of plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost.

#### Depreciation

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their estimated useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of their future economic benefits. Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis, using rates which are reviewed annually. Estimated useful lives for each class of depreciable asset are:

Furniture and fittings 10 years
Office equipment 5 years
Computer hardware 3 years

# GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (f) Intangible Assets

Capitalisation or expensing of assets

Acquisitions of intangible assets costing over \$1,000 and internally generated intangible assets costing over \$1,000 are capitalized. From 1 July 2008 intangible assets that cost over \$5,000 will be capitalized; see note 18. The cost of utilising the assets is expensed (amortised) over their useful life. Costs incurred below these thresholds are immediately expensed directly to the Income Statement.

Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is calculated for the period of the expected benefit (estimated useful life) on the straight line basis using rates which are reviewed annually. All intangible assets controlled by the Commission have a finite useful life and zero residual value. The expected useful life for the intangible assets of the Commission are:

Software

3 years

#### Computer software

Software that is an integral part of the related hardware is treated as plant and equipment. Software that is not an integral part of the related hardware is treated as an intangible asset. Software costing less than \$1,000 is expensed in the year of acquisition. From 1 July 2008 intangible assets that cost over \$5,000 will be capitalized; see note 18.

#### (g) Impairment of Assets

Plant and equipment and any intangible assets are tested for any indication of impairment at each reporting date. Where there is an indication of impairment the recoverable amount is estimated. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to the recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised. As the Commission is a not-for-profit entity, unless an asset has been identified as a surplus asset, the recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and the new depreciated replacement cost.

#### (h) Leases

The Commission holds operating leases for its Kalgoorlie and Esperance office buildings and motor vehicles. Lease payments are expensed on a straight line basis over the lease term as this represents the pattern of benefits derived from the leased property.

#### GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (i) Financial Instruments

In addition to cash, the Commission has two categories of financial instrument:

- Loans and receivables: and
- Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

These have been disaggregated into the following classes:

**Financial Assets** 

- Cash and cash equivalents
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents
- Receivables
- Amounts receivable for services

Financial Liabilities

Payables

Initial recognition and measurement of financial instruments is at fair value which normally equates to the transaction cost or the face value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The fair value of short-term receivables and payables is the transaction cost or the face value, because there is no interest rate applicable and subsequent measurement is not required as the effect of discounting in not material.

#### (j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents (and restricted cash and cash equivalent) assets comprise cash on hand.

#### (k) Accrued Salaries

Accrued salaries (see Note 22 'Other Liabilities') represent the amount due to staff but unpaid at the end of the financial year as the pay day for the last pay period for that financial year does not coincide with the end of the financial year. Accrued salaries are settled within a fortnight of the financial year end.

The Commission considers the carrying amount of the accrued salaries to be equivalent to its net fair value.

#### (I) Amounts Receivable for Services (Holding Account)

The Commission receives funding on an accrual basis that recognises the full annual cash and non-cash cost of services. The appropriations are paid partly in cash and partly as an asset (Holding Account receivable) that is accessible on the emergence of the cash funding requirement to cover items such as leave entitlements and asset replacement.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (m) Receivables

Receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts (i.e. impairment). The collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis and any receivables identified as uncollectible are written off. The allowance for uncollectible amounts (doubtful debts) is raised when there is objective evidence that the Commission will not be able to collect the debts. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

# (n) Payables

Payables are recognised at the amounts payable when the Commission becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value as they are generally settled within 30 days.

#### (o) Provisions

Provisions are liabilities of uncertain timing and amount and are recognised where there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and when the outflow of economic benefits is probable and can be measured reliably. Provisions are reviewed at each balance date.

#### (i) Provisions – Employee Benefits

Annual Leave and Long Service Leave

The liability for annual and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the reporting date is recognised and measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Annual and long service leave expected to be settled more than 12 months after the end of the reporting date is measured at the present value of amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Leave liabilities are in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

When assessing expected future payments consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including non-salary components such as employer superannuation contributions. In addition, the long service leave liability also considers the experience of employee departures and periods of service.

The expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

for the year ended 30 June 2008

## Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

## (i) Provisions – Employee Benefits (continued)

All annual leave and unconditional long service leave provisions are classified as current liabilities as the Commission does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability at least 12 months after the reporting date.

# Superannuation

The Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) administers the following superannuation schemes:

The employees may contribute to the Pension Scheme, a defined benefit pension scheme now closed to new members, Gold State Superannuation Scheme (GSS), a defined benefit lump sum scheme, also closed to new members.

The Commission has no liabilities under the pension or the GSS Schemes. The liabilities for the unfunded Pension Scheme and the unfunded GSS Scheme transfer benefits due to members are assumed by the Treasurer. All other GSS Scheme obligations are funded by concurrent contributions made by the Commission to the GESB. The concurrently funded part of the GSS Scheme is a defined contribution scheme as these contributions extinguish all liabilities in respect of the concurrently funded GSS Scheme obligations.

Employees who are not members of either the Pension or the GSS Schemes become non-contributory members of the West State Superannuation Scheme (WSS), an accumulation scheme. The Commission makes concurrent contributions to GESB on behalf of employees in compliance with the Commonwealth Government's Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992. The WSS Scheme is a defined contribution scheme as these contributions extinguish all liabilities in respect of the WSS Scheme.

The GESB makes all benefit payments in respect of the Pension and GSS Schemes and is recouped by the Treasurer for the employer's share.

#### (ii) Provisions - Other

#### Employment On-costs

Employment on-costs, including workers' compensation insurance, are not employee benefits and are recognised separately as liabilities and expenses when the employment to which they relate has occurred. Employment on-costs are included as part of 'Other expenses' and are not included as part of the Commission's 'Employee benefits expense'. The related liability is included in 'Employment on cost provision'.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

## (p) Superannuation Expense

The following elements are included in calculating the superannuation expense in the Income Statement:

- (a) Defined benefit plans Change in the unfunded employer's liability base (i.e. current service cost and actuarial gains and losses) assumed by the Treasurer in respect of current employees who are members of the pension scheme and the current employees who accrued a benefit on transfer from that scheme to the Gold State Superannuation Scheme (GSS); and
- (b) Defined contribution plans Employer contributions paid to the GSS and the West State Superannuation Scheme (WSS).

# (q) Resources Received Free of Charge or for Nominal Cost

Resources received free of charge or for nominal cost that can be reliably measured are recognised as revenues and as assets or expenses as appropriate at fair value.

# 3. Disclosure of changes in accounting policy and estimates

#### Initial application of an Australian Accounting Standard

The Commission has applied the following Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2007:

AASB 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' (including consequential amendments in AASB 2005-10 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 132, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 133, AASB 139, AASB 1, AASB 4, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]'). This Standard requires new disclosures in relation to financial instruments and while there is no financial impact, the changes have resulted in increased disclosures, both quantitative and qualitative, of the Commission's exposure to risks, including enhanced disclosure regarding components of the Commission's financial position and performance, and changes to the way of presenting certain items in the notes to the financial statements.

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# 3. Disclosure of changes in accounting policy and estimates (continued)

The following amendments are not applicable to the Commission as they will have no impact or do not apply to not-for-profit entities:

AASB Standa	rds and Interpretations
	'Presentation of Financial Statements' (September 2007)
	'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 113, AASB 139, AASB 1, AASB 4, AASB 1023, & AASB 1038)'
2007-1	'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 11[AASB 2]'
2007-4	'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from ED 151 and Other Amendments (AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 102, 107, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 1023 & 1038)' The amendments arise as a result of the AASB decision to make available all options that currently exist under IFRSs and that certain additional Australian disclosures should be eliminated. The Treasurer's instructions have been amended to maintain the existing practice when the Standard was first applied and as a consequence there is no financial impact.
2007-7	'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB4, AASB 5, AASB 107 & AASB 128]'
AASB 8	'Operating Segments'
AASB 123	'Borrowing Costs' (June 2007)
AASB1049	'Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting'
AASB 2007-2	'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 12 [AASB 1, AAS 117, AASB 118, AASB 120, AASB 121, AASB 127, AASB 131 & AASB 139]' – paragraphs 1 – 8
AASB 2007-3	3 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [AASB 5, AAS 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136. AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]'
AASB 2007-6	6 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [ AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]
AASB 2007-8	G'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101'
AASB 2008-	'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standard – Key Management Personnel Disclosures by Disclosing Entities [AASB 124]'
Interpretation	4 'Determining whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease' (February 2007)
Interpretation	12 'Service Concession Arrangements'

Interpretation 129 'Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures'

	·	2008	2007
	·	\$	\$
4	Employee benefits expense		
	Wages and salaries	881,751	919,033
	Superannuation – (a)	79,171	75,464
	Long service leave (b)	(7,467)	20,270
	Annual leave	(10,050)	(34,184)
		943,405	980,583
	(a) West State and Gold State (contributions paid).		
	(b) Includes a superannuation contribution component.		
5	Supplies and Services		
	Communications	33,296	27,082
	Consultants and contractors	86,055	106,855
	Consumables	24,335	34,099
	Travel	-	17,059
	Maintenance	6,687	17,203
	Employee related expenses	70,277	79,921
	Other	93,527	68,933
		314,177	351,152
6	Depreciation and amortization expense		
	Depreciation		
	Furniture and fittings	4,474	4,553
	Office Equipment	8,768	9,370
	Computing hardware	14,951	17,174
		28,193	31,097
	Amortisation		
	Intangible assets – computer software	6,891	7,289
	Total depreciation and amortization	35,084	38,386
7	Accommodation expenses		
	Lease rentals	176,147	158,516
	Repairs and maintenance	867	1,234
	Power and water	10,280	9,343
	Cleaning	6	3,664
	Other	434	6,816
	-	187,734	179,573

		2008	2007
		\$	\$
8	Grants and subsidies		
	<u>Recurrent</u>		
	Australian Country Information Services	-	6,934
	Esperance Pony Club	-	5,170
	Eyre Highway Operators	-	33,000
	Festival of The Wind Inc.	-	8,252
	Freefall Theatre Company Inc.	-	10,175
	Association	-	7,806
	Kalgoorlie-Boulder Cemetary Board	81,265	36,255
	Marine Information & Research Group	15,015	16,516
	Ravensthorpe Community Child Care Inc	-	30,000
	Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Area Promotions	-	10,170
	Royal Flying Doctor Service Eastern Goldfields	38,750	42,625
	Shire of Coolgardie	12,236	28,143
	Shire of Dundas	75,000	14,300
	Shire of Esperance	522,000	24,200
	Shire of Leonora	-	139,150
	Shire of Menzies	18,700	54,620
	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	145,000	-
	Ngaanyatjarra Media Aboriginal Corporation	32,774	-
	Ngaanyatjarra Council	8,446	-
	Kalgoorlie-Boulder Lotteries House	2,374	-
	Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku	9,955	-
	Fitzgerald Coast Destination Exposure	9,246	-
	Goldfields Visitor Centre	4,000	-
	Eastern Goldfields Historical Society	12,188	-
	Scaddan Pioneer Park Committee	9,091	-
	Esperance Chamber of Commerce	8,525	-
	Hopetoun Telecentre	17,500	-
	Ravensthorpe District Rural Communities	6,742	-
		1,028,806	467,316
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		2008	2007
		\$	\$
9	Other Expenses	288	530
	This expense relates to workers' compensation insurance. The on-costs liability associated with the recognition of annual and long service leave liability is included at Note 21 "Provisions'. Superannuation contributions accrued as part of the provision		
10	Carrying amount of assets written off The write-off were the result of changeover to Next G technology mobile phone.		
	Office Equipment	124	952
	Petty Cash		209
		124	1,161
11	Other revenues from ordinary activities		
	User charges and fees	-	11,136
	Return of unused grant funds	5,946	787
	Contributions to Project Ravensthorpe Nickel		
	Operation		3,750
	Other revenue/recoups	5,099	62,368
		11,045	78,041

		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
12	Income from State Government	·	·
	Appropriation received during the year:		
	Service appropriation (a)	1,677,000	1,452,000
	Plus transfers to the Holding Account	-	-
		1,677,000	1,452,000

- (a) Service appropriations are accrual amounts reflecting the full cost of services delivered. The appropriation revenue comprises a cash component and a receivable (asset). The receivable (holding account) comprises the depreciation expense for the year and any agreed increase in leave liability during the year.
- (b) Service appropriations also includes an amount for \$46,000 which relates to income from 2007. This income has now been included under the instructions of Treasury. (see note 15)

Revenues received from State agencies		
Department of Local Government & Regional		
Development	500,000	500,000
Office of Aboriginal Economic Development		40,000
DTF - Ministerial funding	500,000	-
Department of Industry and Resources	68,181	
Other Revenue	-	61,368
	1,068,181	601,368
	2,745,181	2,053,368

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		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
13	Restricted cash and cash equivalents Current Grants funds – Regional Development Scheme and Kalgoorlie Boulder Development Fund	467,769 467,769	490,629 <b>490,629</b>
	Refer to Note 30 for Financial Instruments Disclosure.		
14	Receivables Current: Trade debtors GST Receivable	600 15,554 <b>16,154</b>	29,802 6,528 <b>36,330</b>
	There are no receivables past due or impaired at repor	ting date.	
	The Commission does not hold any collateral as securi enhancements relating to receivables.	ty or other credit	
	Refer to Note 30 for Financial Instruments Disclosure.		
15	Amounts receivable for services Current (a) Non-current	89,000 -	26,000 46,000

Represents the non-cash component of service appropriations. It is restricted in that it can only be used for asset replacement or payment of leave liability.

89,000

72,000

(a) Includes an amount of \$46,000 from 2007, now included under Treasury's instructions (see note 12).

#### 16 Other Assets

Current		
Prepayments	1,600	1,200
Accrued income	18	17
	1,618	1,217

		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
17	Plant and equipment	•	•
	Furniture and fittings at cost Accumulated depreciation	48,337 (23,723)	48,336 (19,248)
		24,614	29,088
	Office equipment at cost Accumulated depreciation	31,081 (25,738) 5,343	31,081 (21,613)
		5,343	9,468
	Computing hardware at cost	66,906	67,489
	Accumulated depreciation	(57,709)	(53,224)
		9,197	14,265
	Communications equipment at cost	28,353	27,790
	Accumulated depreciation	(17,788)	(14,137)
		10,566	13,653
	Total plant and equipment	49,721	66,474

In accordance with TI 1101 (14) (ii), from 1 July 2008, items of plant and equipment costing less than \$5,000 will be expensed in the financial year in which they occur.

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# 17 Plant and equipment (continued)

#### Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for furniture, equipment and computers, at the beginning and end of the reporting period are set out below:

2007	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment \$	Computing hardware	Comms. Equipment	TOTAL \$
Carrying amount at start of year	33,641	13,533	31,799	19,550	98,523
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	952	-	-	952
Reclassification	-	1,361	(360)	(1,001)	-
Depreciation	4,553	4,475	17,174	4,895	31,097
Carrying amount at end of year	29,088	9,467	14,265	13,654	66,474

2008	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment \$	Computing hardware	Comms. Equipment	TOTAL \$
Carrying amount at start of year	29,088	9,467	14,265	13,654	66,474
Additions	-	-	9,883	1,680	11,563
Disposals	-	-	-	124	124
Reclassification	-		-	-	-
Depreciation	4,474	4,124	14,951	4,644	28,193
Carrying amount at end of year	24,614	5,343	9,197	10,566	49,721

		<u>2008</u>	<u> 2007</u>
		\$	\$
18	Intangible assets		
	Computer software		
	At cost	60,706	58,458
	Accumulated amortisation	(55,716)	(48,825)
		4,990	9,633

In accordance with TI 1101 (14) (ii), from 1 July 2008, intangible assets with a cost of less than \$5,000 will be expensed in the financial year in which they occur.

#### Reconciliations

Carrying amount at the start of the year	9,633	10,091
Additions	2,248	6,831
Disposals	-	-
Amortisation expense	6,891	7,289
	4,990	9,633

# 19 Impairment of assets

There were no indications of impairment to plant & equipment or intangible assets at 30 June 2008.

The Commission held no goodwill or intangible assets with an indefinite useful life during the reporting period and at reporting date there were no intangible assets not yet available for use.

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		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
20	Payables		
	Trade payables	58,740	69,969
	GST payable	58,740	69,969
21	Provisions	•	,
	Current:		
	Employee benefits provision		
	Annual Leave (a)	56,341	66,149
	Long Service Leave (b)	32,139	34,446
		88,480	100,595
	Other provisions		
	Employment on-costs	288	530
	Fringe benefit tax	-	-
	GST provision		
		288	530
		88,768	101,125
	Non-Current:		
	Employee benefits provision		
	Long service leave (b)	33,078	38,238
	Employment on-costs (c)	-	-
		33,078	38,238

(a) Annual leave liabilities have been classified as current as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after reporting date. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities will occur as follows:

- Within 12 months of reporting date	56,341	66,149
- More than 12 months after reporting date	-	-

(b) Long service liabilities have been classified as current where there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after reporting date. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities will occur as follows:

- Within 12 months of reporting date	32,139	34,446
- More than 12 months after reporting date	-	-

(c) The settlement of annual and long service leave liabilities gives rise to the payment of employment on-costs including workers' compensation insurance. The provision is the present value of expected future payments. The associated expense, apart from the unwinding of the discount (finance cost), is included at Note 9 'Other expenses'.

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		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
22	Other liabilities Current:	\$	\$
	Unearned income	50,300	_
	Other liability	1,120	_
	Circi nability	51,420	
23	Equity	01,420	
	Equity represents the residual interest in the net assets of the Commission. The Government holds the equity interest in the Commission on behalf of the community.		
	Contributed equity		
	Balance at start of year	45,000	45,000
	Contributions by owners		
	Capital contribution (a)	9,000	
	Total contributions by owners	54,000	45,000
	Accumulated surplus		
	Opening balance	994,303	881,595
	Change in net assets	246,608	112,708
		1,240,911	994,303
	Closing balance	1,294,911	1,039,303

- a) Capital Contributions (appropriations) and non-discretionary (non-reciprocal transfers of net assets from other State Government agencies have been designated as contributions by owners in Treasurer's Instruction TI 955 'Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly Owned Public Sector Entities' and are credited directly to equity.
- b) UIG Interpretation 1038 'Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities' requires that where the transferee accounts for a transfer as a contribution by owner, the transferor must account for the transfer as a distribution to owners. Consequently, non-discretionary (non-reciprocal) transfers of net assets to other State Government agencies are distribution to owners and are debited directly to equity.
- c) TI955 requires non-reciprocal transfers of net assets to Government to be accounted for as distribution to owners.

		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
24	Notes to the Cash Flow Statement Cash at the end of the financial year shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:		
	Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash assets Petty cash	897,066 467,769 600 <b>1,365,435</b>	571,752 490,629 600 <b>1,062,981</b>
	Reconciliation of net cost of services to net cash flows provided by/(used in) operating activities		
	Net cost of services	(2,498,573)	(1,940,660)
	Non-cash Items: Depreciation and amortisation expense Assets written off	35,084 124	38,386 952
	(Increase)/decrease in assets: Current receivables Other current assets	20,176 (401)	38,564 548
	Increase/(decrease) in liabilities: Current payables: Current provisions Other current liabilities Non-current provisions:	(12,729) 12,357 (57,090) 5,160	(17,641) (48,163) (60,709) 33,058
	Change in GST in receivables/payables	(9,026)	(1,412)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(2,504,917)	(1,957,077)

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		<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
25	Commitments	•	•
	Lease commitments		
	Commitments in relation to leases contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements are payable as follows:		
	Within 1 year	9,439	11,880
	Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	455	9,926
		9,894	21,806
	Representing:		
	Non-cancellable operating leases	9,894	21,806
		9,894	21,806

# 26 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

At reporting date, the Commission had no contingent liabilities or contingent assets

#### 27 Controlled Entities

At the reporting date the Commission had no controlled entities

## 28 Events occurring after the balance sheet date

No material events have occurred after June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008

# 29 Explanatory Statement

(i) Significant variations between estimates and actual results for income and expense are shown below.

Significant variations are considered to be those greater than 10% or \$20,000.

	2008	2008	
	Budget	Actual	Variation
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Employee benefits expense Staff vacancies accounted for the reduction to employee related expenses.	1,008	943	- (65)
Supplies and Services Staff vacancies accounted for the reduction to employee related expenses. A reduction in the engagement of contractors resulted in a decrease in this expense.	509	314	(195)
Grants and subsidies expense Additional \$500,000 Ministerial funding provided for Esperance Campaign, which was used in the current period. Final aquitals paid to previous grant recipients during the reporting period.	500	1,029	529
Grants and contributions received Annual grant allocation from WA Government now \$500,000 per annum. Additional \$500,000 Ministerial funding provided for Esperance Campaign	480	1,000	520

# 29 Explanatory Statement (continued)

#### (ii) Significant variations between actual results for 2007 and 2008

	<b>2008</b> \$'000	<b>2007</b> \$'000	Variation \$'000
Employee benefits expense Expenditure was less as there were less staff due to vacancies. Attraction & retention issues.	943	981	(38)
Grants and subsidies expense Previous years grants paid to recipients as they submitted their final acquitals. Also, additional \$500,000 Ministerial funding provided for Esperance Campaign	1,029	467	562
provided for Esperance Campaign			

#### 30. Financial instruments

#### (a) Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

Financial instruments held by the Commission are cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables. The Commission has limited exposure to financial risks. The Commission's overall risk management program focuses on managing the risks identified below.

#### Credit risk

The Commission trades only with recognized, creditworthy parties. To ensure its bad debt risk is minimal, the Commission periodically monitors its exposure to bad debts. There are no significant concentrations of credit risk.

#### Liquidity risk

The Commission has appropriate procedures to manage cash flows including drawdowns of appropriations by monitoring forecast cash flows to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet its commitments.

#### (b) Financial Instrument disclosures

Financial instrument information from 1 July 2005 has been prepared under AASB 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' and AASB 139 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement'.

#### **Financial instruments (continued)** 30.

#### **Categories of Financial Instruments** (c)

	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
Financial Assets	•	•
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents Loans and receivables (a)	897,066 467,769 600	572,352 490,629 29,802
Financial Liabilities		
Financial Liabilities measured at cost	32,325	19,596

<sup>(</sup>a) The amount of loans and receivables excludes GST recoverable from the ATO (statutory receivable).

#### 30. **Financial instruments (continued)**

#### (d) **Financial Instrument disclosures (continued)**

#### Interest Rate Risk Exposure (i)

The following table details the Commission's exposure to interest rate risk as at the

reporting date:

reporting date.					T		
2008	Weighted	Variable	Less than	1 to 5	More than		Total
	Average	Interest	1 Year	Years	5 Years	Interest	
	Effective	Rate				bearing	
	Interest						
	Rate						
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets							
Cash and cash	0.00%	-	-			898	898
equivalents							
Restricted cash and	0.00%	-	-		-	468	468
cash equivalents							
·							
Receivables						1	1
Amounts receivable		-	-			89	89
for services							
		-	-		-	1,455	1,455
Financial Liabilities							
Payables		_	_			18	18
Employee		-	-			122	122
entitlements							
		-	-		_	139	139
2007							
Financial assets						109	1,171

2007				
Financial assets			109	1,171
Financial liabilities			159	159

#### (ii) Credit Risk Exposure

All financial assets are unsecured

#### (iii) **Net Fair Values**

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements are not materially different from their net fair values, determined in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in the financial statements.

# (e) Interest Sensitivity Analysis The Commission has determined that the impact of interest rate risk is not material to the financial statements and has therefore not been calculated and disclosed in these accounts.

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<b>2008</b>	<u>2007</u>
<u> </u>	\$

#### 31 Remuneration of members and senior officers

# Remuneration of members of the Accountable Authority

The number of members, other than members reported as senior officers whose total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits and other benefits for the financial year, fall within the following bands:

\$		
Under \$3,000	8	5
3,000 - 10,000	2	3
10,000 - 20,000	1	-
20,001 - 30,000		-
40,000 - 50,000		-
70,000 - 80,000		-
Total remuneration of the members:	30,410	22,556

The total remuneration includes the superannuation expense incurred by the Authority in respect of members of the Accountable Authority. No members of the Accountable Authority are members of the Pension Scheme.

# Remuneration of senior officers

The number of senior officers whose total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits and other benefits for the financial year, fall within the following bands are:

\$		
Under 10,000		-
20,001 - 30,000	1	-
30,001 - 40,000	-	-
40,001 - 50,000	-	1
50,001 - 60,000	-	1
70,001 - 80,000	2	1
80,000 - 90,000	1	1
100,001 -110,000	1	1
Total remuneration of senior officers:	297,479	326,967

		<u> 2008</u>	<u> 2007</u>
		\$	\$
32	Remuneration of Auditor		
	Remuneration to the Auditor General for the		
	financial year is as follows:		
	Auditing the accounts, financial statements and		
	performance indicators	37,200	35,000

Note the payment for auditing services occurs in the following year. The fee for the 2006/07 year of \$35,000 (exclusive of GST) was paid in the 2007/08 financial year and the auditing fee of \$37,200 for 2007/08 will be paid in the 2008/09 year.

#### 33 Related Bodies

The Commission has no related bodies as defined by Treasurer's Instruction 951

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# **GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Notes to Financial Statements** For the year ended 30 June 2008

# 34 Schedule of Income and Expense by Service

	Facilitation of the provision of appropriate infrastructure and industry services.		Promotion of the region and its investment opportunities.			
	Servi	ce 1	Service 2		Total	
	2007/08	2006/07	2007/08	2006/07	2007/08	2006/07
COST OF SERVICES	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Expenses from ordinary activities						
Employee benefits expense	424,532	431,457	518,873	549,126	943,405	980,583
Supplies, Services & Admin	141,380	154,507	172,797	196,645	314,177	351,152
Depreciation and amortisation expense	15,788	16,890	19,296	21,496	35,084	38,386
Accommodation expenses	84,480	79,012	103,254	100,561	187,734	179,573
Grants and subsidies	462,963	205,619	565,843	261,697	1,028,806	467,316
Other expenses	185	744	227	947	412	1,691
Total cost of services	1,129,328	888,229	1,380,290	1,130,472	2,509,618	2,018,701
Income						
User charges and fees	-	4,899	-	6,237	-	11,136
Other revenue	4,970	29,439	6,075	37,467	11,045	66,906
Total income other than income from State Government	4,970	34,338	6,075	43,704	11,045	78,042
NET COST OF SERVICES	1,124,358	853,891	1,374,215	1,086,768	2,498,573	1,940,659
INCOME FROM STATE GOVERNMENT						
Service appropriation	754,650	638,880	922,350	813,120	1,677,000	1,452,000
Income from State Agencies	480,681	264,602	587,500	336,766	1,068,181	601,368
Resources received free of charge		-	-	-	-	-
Total income from State Government	1,235,331	903,482	1,509,850	1,149,886	2,745,181	2,053,368
Surplus (deficit) for the period	110,974	49,591	135,634	63,118	246,608	112,709