

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 5 May 2015

3026. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Regional Development.

I refer to the Minister's response to questions asked in the 2013-14 Annual Report Hearings with the Housing Authority conducted by the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations and in particular, to the supplementary information provided through question B5 and I ask, of the funding allocated to the nine nominated SuperTowns through the SuperTowns Development Project Fund and other Royalties for Regions funding:

- (a) were all the funding applications required to include a business case for each project as part of the application process and, if not, why not;
- (b) what were the priority projects for each town in order of priority;
- (c) which projects were successful in each town and how much did each individual project receive;
- (d) who made the final decision on which priority projects received funding;
- (e) what criteria was used as part of the decision making process;
- (f) which projects have been completed;
- (g) which projects are still underway and when are they likely to be completed; and
- (h) which projects are yet to commence and when will they commence?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) [See tabled paper no.]
- (c) [See tabled paper no.]
- (d) All projects were approved by the State Government Cabinet.
- (e) The SuperTowns Program 2011-12 eligibility criteria included:
 1. Applicants must be local governments selected to participate in the SuperTowns Program 2011-12.
 2. Funding proposals must be identified as priorities in the Applicant's SuperTown Growth Plan.
 3. The Applicant's Growth Plan must meet certain minimum requirements as detailed in the *Minimum Requirements of a Growth Plan Required by 29 February 2012* and align with the vision, strategic objectives and key focus areas of the SuperTowns program.
 4. The project should be aligned to one or more of the six Royalties for Regions policy objectives.
 5. The project must be aligned to one or more of the nine key focus areas of the SuperTowns Program as detailed in the Regional Centres Development Plan (SuperTowns) Framework 2011-12.
 6. The Applicant's Growth Plan must be endorsed by the relevant organisations, as detailed in the *SuperTowns Growth Plan Toolkit 2011-12*.
 7. Applicants must complete a Royalties for Regions business case for each project put forward for funding consideration, including appropriate supporting documentation.

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The SuperTowns Program 2011-12 evaluation criteria included:

1. Potential to Stimulate and Sustain Economic and Population Growth in the Community (40 per cent weighting).
2. Project Readiness and Viability (30 per cent weighting).
3. Leveraging Financial or Other Resources for the Project (30 per cent weighting).

- (f) [See tabled paper no.]
- (g) [See tabled paper no.]
- (h) [See tabled paper no.]

Priority	Project
Shire of Collie	
1	CBD Revitalisation
2	Collie Motorplex
3	Urban Renewal of Wilson Park
4	Lake Kepwari Recreation Lake Development
Shire of Dandaragan (Jurien Bay)	
1	Aged Care and Health Plan
2	City Centre Enhancement Project
3	Industry Development Strategy - Tourism and Food Processing
Shire of Manjimup	
1	Manjimup's Agricultural Expansion
2	Upgrade and Relocation of Airport
3	Revitalisation of Town Centre
4	Developing an Age Friendly Town
Shire of Morawa	
1	Interim Industry Training Facility
2	Mixed Use Accommodation Village - Brookfield Rail Camp Project
3	Morawa Town Revitalisation Project
4	North Midlands Solar Thermal Power Station
Shire of Esperance	
1	Esperance Waterfront - A World Class Foreshore Development
2	Esperance Town Centre - Revitalising the Heart of the Community
3	Esperance Accommodation Project - Housing our Workers
4	Esperance Economic Development
Shire of Margaret River	
1	Margaret River Perimeter Road and Town Centre Improvements
2	Surfers' Point Precinct
3	Foreshores and Gloucester Park Project
4	Cultural and Events Centre
Shire of Northam	
1	Avon Health and Emergency Services Precinct
2	Revitalise Northam
3	Avon River Revitalisation - (formally named Environmental - Stage 1)
4	Social and Community Facilities
Shire of Boddington	
1	Ranford Water Capacity
2	Boddington Recreation and Leisure Centre
3	Economic Development Implementation
4	Affordable Land in Boddington
Shire of Katanning	
1	Town Centre Commercial and Streetscape Revitalisation
2	Residential and Industrial Development
3	Developing Community and Cultural Capacity
4	Multicultural and Aboriginal Engagement and Enhancement

Project (c)	Funding Received (c)	Status (f) (g) (h)	Anticipated Completion Date (g)
Shire of Collie			
CBD Revitalisation	\$11 010 000	Underway	December 2015
Shire of Dandaragan (Jurien bay)			
City Centre Enhancement Project	\$12 137 850	Underway	December 2015
Shire of Manjimup			
Manjimup's Agricultural Expansion	\$6 955 000	Underway	June 2017
Revitalisation of Town Centre	\$5 710 000	Underway	December 2015
Shire of Morawa			
Morawa Town Revitalisation Project	\$3 000 000	Underway	December 2015
North Midlands Solar Thermal Power Station	\$ 500 000	Not progressing	
Shire of Esperance			
Esperance Waterfront - A World Class Foreshore Development	\$12 650 517	Underway	December 2015
Esperance Town Centre - Revitalising the Heart of the Community	\$2 657 540	Underway	December 2015
Esperance Economic Development	\$193 350	Underway	December 2015
Shire of Margaret River			
Margaret River Perimeter Road and Town Centre Improvements	\$1 940 000	Completed	
Surfers' Point Precinct	\$3 460 000	Completed	
Shire of Northam			
Avon Health and Emergency Services Precinct	\$4 814 550	Underway	June 2015
Avon River Revitalisation – (formally named Environmental - Stage 1)	\$3 655 435	Underway	March 2016
Shire of Boddington			
Ranford Water Capacity	\$1 250 000	Underway	November 2016
Economic Development Implementation	\$1 173 298	Underway	December 2015
Shire of Katanning			
Town Centre Commercial and Streetscape Revitalisation	\$8 715 000	Underway	December 2015
Multicultural and Aboriginal Engagement and Enhancement	\$255 000	Completed	