

**ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**2017-18 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS – QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARINGS**

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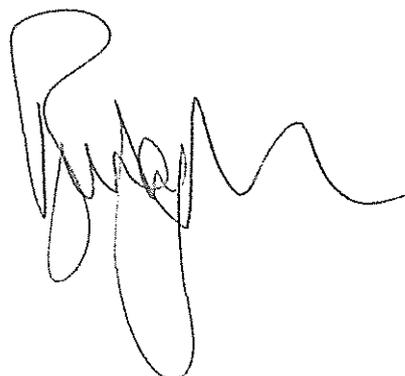
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

1) I refer to Budget Paper 1, Page 10 and references to the ‘.....\$861 million of regional programs, which were previously centrally funded, now being supported through Royalties for Regions’, and I ask:

- a) For 2017-18 and each year of the forward estimates please detail the programs and funding amounts which form the \$861 million mentioned?

Answer: The following table provides the specific initiatives and budgeted expenditure previously funded by the Consolidated Account and funded from the Royalties for Regions Fund as part of the 2017-18 Budget.

Initiative	2017-18 Budget Estimate	2018-19 Forward Estimate	2019-20 Forward Estimate	2020-21 Forward Estimate	Total Four Years
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Regional High Schools</b>					
- Geraldton Senior High School	4.0	-	-	-	4.0
- John Wilcock Community College	10.4	8.2	-	-	18.6
- Carnarvon Community College	6.0	-	-	-	6.0
- Cape Naturaliste Community College	2.0	20.0	4.1	-	26.1
- Margaret River Senior High School	6.5	20.0	3.0	-	29.5
Remote and Essential Services	-	-	56.0	56.0	112.0
Patient Assisted Travel Scheme	-	34.2	33.6	33.9	101.7
TAFE Regional Subsidies	-	-	43.6	44.2	87.8
Country Water, Sewerage and Drainage Operations	-	-	191.5	284.1	475.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>331.8</b>	<b>418.2</b>	<b>861.3</b>



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# Strengthening Our Regions

As in previous years, the 2006-07 Budget demonstrates the Government's commitment to regional Western Australia and its belief that thriving, vibrant regions are one part of a strong State economy.

By investment in the regions, the State Government is ensuring the vitality and sustainability of these communities for the long-term through job creation and improved services.

The Government's record Capital Works Program will deliver capital infrastructure across the regions with an emphasis on providing massive investments in health, education, law and order and community services.

## REGIONAL INVESTMENT FUND

This is the fifth year the Government will continue the Regional Investment Fund, by allocating a total of \$20 million.

Expenditure in 2006-07 includes the following major projects:

- Establishment of a new residential aged care facility in Broome – \$500,000;
- Upgrade and renewal of the Coolgardie main street and town site – \$294,000;
- Establishment of the Jarrahdale Heritage Park – \$500,000;
- Pemberton Main street Townscape Project – \$600,000;
- Bunbury Dolphin Tourism and Research Facilities Project – \$260,000;
- Cunderdin Museum Redevelopment – \$317,777;
- Indigenous Regional Development program – \$3 million;
- Regional Headworks program – \$2million; and
- Western Australian Regional Initiatives Scheme – \$1.25 million.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS

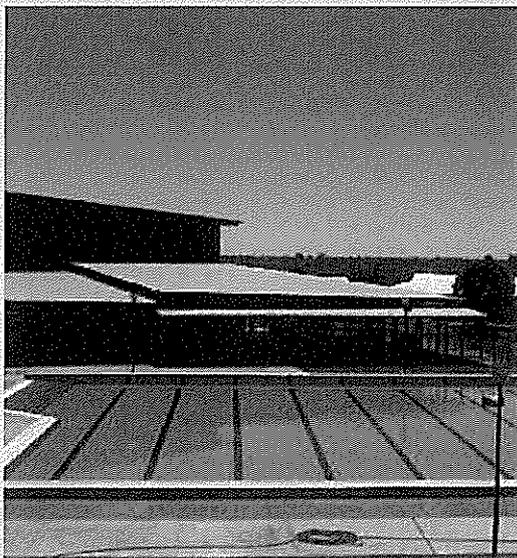
Initiatives being progressed by the Regional Development Commissions in 2006-07 include:

- \$2.6 million over two years for continued work on the Bunbury Back Beach Coastal Enhancement Project due to be completed in 2007-08;
- \$1.9 million for the provision of sewerage to the Picton Industrial Estate to allow for the further development of industrial land;
- Continued development of Lake Kepwari at Collie;
- The redevelopment of the Pemberton Pool;
- \$1.5 million towards a boatlifter at the Geraldton Marine Services Precinct;



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- The continuation of work on the Geraldton Foreshore Redevelopment and the Central Business District Revitalisation Project;
- The continuation of the Port Hedland Enhancement Scheme including upgrading the Visitor Centre and completing the foreshore development and town centre development;
- The completion of the Roebourne Enhancement Scheme will be completed with the Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility and Community Hall upgrade;
- The continuation of the Pilbara Priority Partnership Fund with Karijini Savannah Camp tourist facility, extensions to the Millar's Well Childcare Centre, stage 1 revitalisation of Newman town centre and underground power in Port Hedland;
- The continuance of the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Development Scheme, that will assist in attracting investment and increasing jobs in the region, total funding of \$1.7 million is being provided over the four years to 2009-10;
- \$14.9 million for the continued planning and construction of the Albany Entertainment and Convention Centre;
- \$27 million for the Albany Waterfront Development;
- \$181,000 for the Peel Region Tourist Rail Project which involves developing infrastructure for the operation of tourist rail services and the construction of the Pinjarra Railway Station;
- The continuation of development of Pinjarra Light Industrial Land to meet demand in the Peel region;
- Assistance to the Shire of Waroona to progress its town centre redevelopment;
- The redevelopment of the Moora Multi-Purpose Centre;
- Upgrades to sections of the Great Eastern Highway and Great Northern Highway; and
- Further construction of new buildings for the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority at Muchea.



### *State Government's commitment to building healthy regional communities*

The Halls Creek Aquatic and Recreation Centre which encompasses the unique and special needs of Halls Creek's social, cultural and geographical environment will be opened during 2006.

With the opening of the swimming pools (solar heated to allow for flexibility of use over the year) it is anticipated that significant health benefits will flow to the community, particularly the Indigenous population with regular swimming providing benefits for ear disease, respiratory conditions and skin infections.

The centre combines an outdoor wet facility that has both a lap pool for fitness, laps and learn to swim programs; and a leisure pool designed to promote fun activities for non-swimmers; and a dry facility with two undercover courts which will cover team and individual sports such as basketball, netball, indoor cricket, aerobics, yoga, dance, weight training, snooker/pool and darts.

And I know how bleak it is for people who can't find work in areas of stubborn unemployment, and that includes Rockingham where I live with my wife and kids.

Of course, that challenge is magnified when you live in regional and rural Western Australia.

That's why my number one priority is putting WA jobs first.

That's why METRONET will be built locally and by local workers.

That's why I will maintain every single cent of Royalties for Regions.

And that's why I'm fiercely opposed to the privatisation of health services, the Fremantle Port and Western Power.

Let me be clear: **WE WILL KEEP WESTERN POWER IN PUBLIC HANDS.**

We will do so to keep jobs in WA.

To keep an essential revenue stream for **OUR** Government.

To stop it from falling into foreign ownership.

To keep service standards **UP**.

And to keep power bills **DOWN** for Western Australian families.

Western Australia is in desperate need of a fresh approach...

Of new leadership...

Of an honest, hard-working, and responsive Government.

A WA Labor Government.

Because only WA Labor will put WA jobs first.