

Division 38: Culture and the Arts —

[Supplementary Information No A21.]

Question: Mrs M.H. Roberts asked for further information to explain the figures in the top four dot points on page 469 of budget paper No 2.

Answer: The Income Statement shows a decrease in the Total Cost of Services of \$7.3 million for the 2013–14 Budget Estimate compared to the 2012–13 Estimated Actual, which is mainly attributable as follows:

- (a) A reduction in grants and subsidies of \$2.8 million. The majority of this reduction relates to the transfer of the Cultural Events Package to another State Government agency and lapsed ScreenWest film projects and screen commitments included in the 2012–13 year.

The lapsed film projects and screen commitments have a corresponding adjustment in external income.

Additional information:

ScreenWest is a minority investor in film and screen projects. Production investment decisions made by ScreenWest rely on funding commitments from third parties all coming together to fully finance a project. Due to the volatility of the screen industry it often difficult to coordinate all parties and from time to time projects lapse before full finance is achieved. If this is the case ScreenWest recommits the lapsed funds back into its grant funding program.

- (b) A reduction in supplies and services of \$2.8 million. The majority of this reduction relates to one-off funding received in 2012–13 for the WA Museum and Museum of Modern Art exhibition.
- (c) A reduction in accommodation of \$3.4 million. The majority of this reduction relates to one-off funding received in 2012–13 to complete the maintenance and upgrade of the Art Gallery façade.
- (d) Offsetting these reductions are increases to employee benefits (\$1.7 million) and depreciation (\$0.9 million).

[Supplementary Information No A22.]

Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked: Can I have details of the events for which funding is being transferred from the minister's agency to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet?

Answer: The following funding was committed from the \$400,000 allocated for the Cultural Events Package:

- \$150,000 for performers for the two Perth Arena opening events.
- \$5,700 to Bambara Primary School for presentation of the West Coast Songfest 2012.
- \$40,000 for WASO Symphony in the City 2012.
- \$200,000 for the National Regional Arts Conference 2014 to be hosted in Kalgoorlie. These funds have not been paid as yet.

Additional information: The Department of Culture and the Arts was provided funding of \$400,000 in 2012–13. The balance of funds (\$600,000 in 2012–13, \$1 million in 2013–14 and \$1 million in 2014–15) has been transferred to the Department of Premier and Cabinet as shown on Page 462 of the budget papers.