

STATE BUDGET - WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SKILLS EXPO IN LONDON AND EDINBURGH

2402. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Peel

In reference to page 1166 of Budget Paper No. 2, Vol. 3, 'Major Achievements for 2006-2007', dot point 1, can the Minister advise what, if any, actual outcomes were achieved by the Western Australian Skills Expo in London and Edinburgh regarding selling Peel to overseas workers and investors?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

The Peel Development Commission sent 2000 brochures to the United Kingdom to promote the Peel Region at the October 2006 Department of Immigration "Australia Needs Skills" expos held in the United Kingdom.

The Small Business Development Corporation advise that an estimated 19,600 participants from Ireland and the United Kingdom attended with around 900 interested in relocating to Western Australia. Of these, 825 formal interviews and skilled assessments were undertaken and 26 applicants specifically nominated the Peel as a destination of settlement.