

STATE BUDGET, OFFICE OF SHARED SERVICES, APPROPRIATION DETAILS

172. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources; Federal Affairs

I refer the Premier to the line item relating to the Office of Shared Services on page 85 of the 2005-2006 State Budget and ask -

- (a) where in the Budget Papers are the details relating to the appropriation of this service;
- (b) how is this service to be implemented;
- (c) how many government agencies will be affected by this service;
- (d) how many Offices of Shared Services will there be;
- (e) what savings will be generated by the Office of Shared Services in 2005-2006;
- (f) what will happen to those officers employed in Corporate Services departments within government agencies that will have their corporate service functions performed by this 'new' agency; and
- (g) where in the budget papers are the appropriations to cater for redundant officers?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) The appropriation for Shared Services for 2005/06 is included in the following items:
 - a. Page 69 (Item 5) - \$1,330,000
 - b. Page 69 (Item 6) - \$12,052,000
 - c. Page 69 (Item 119) - \$38,798,000
- (b) The funding shown in these pages relates to the establishment of a shared service centre at Cannington to provide Human Resource, Finance and Payroll services. In addition, stand-alone centres will be established in the Health and Education and Training portfolios.
- (c) By 2008, 100 agencies will be receiving shared corporate services from the Office of Shared Services at Cannington, with the first group of agencies receiving services in April 2006.
- (d) There will be one (1) Office of Shared Services located at Cannington that will service general agencies across the sector. The Departments of Health and Education and Training are establishing their own Shared Service Centres to service their own clusters of agencies.
- (e) The savings to be generated by the whole of government Corporate Services Reform for 2005/06, inclusive of the Office of Shared Services, is estimated at \$1.45 million, rising to \$55 million in 2008/09 (ongoing).
- (f) The Office of Shared Services will employ a proportion of agency corporate services staff. Those remaining in agencies will provide the services not transferred to the shared service centre, or be reassigned to other duties within their agency or in another Government agency.
- (g) No funds have been appropriated for this purpose.