

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, WEB SITES, UPGRADING

295. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources

For each website owned, operated or administered by each Department and Agency under the control of the Minister -

- (a) are there any plans to undertake a major upgrade of any of these websites during the 2005-2006 financial year; and
- (b) if so –
 - (i) what is the reason for this upgrade; and
 - (ii) what is the cost of the upgrade?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

Busselton Water Board

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Construction Industry Long Service Leave Payments Board

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Department of Indigenous Affairs

- (a)-(b) Department of Indigenous Affairs has been working on a plan and strategy to transition its existing website into an Indigenous Portal which would provide a 'one stop shop' for Indigenous affairs in Western Australia. The plan is still in development and subject to building partnerships with communities, industry and other key stakeholders. Funding the proposal will still require consideration in the 2005/06 budget process.

Building and Registration Board

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) To provide better presentation of information, ease of use, and greater functionality (eg web-based transactions).
- (ii) \$25000.

Water Corporation

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) To implement changes to the website and navigation systems to improve access to the information.
- (ii) www.watercorporation.com.au - \$25,000
www.ourwaterfuture.com.au - \$ 7,000

WorkCover

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A.

Department of Environment includes Water and Rivers Commission, Swan River Trust and Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

The Department of Environment (DoE) manages a number of websites. Those owned, operated or administered and relevant to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources include:

- The Department of Environment internet.
- The Department of Environment intranet.
- Ribbons of Blue/Waterwatch WA.
- Cockburn Sound Management Council.
- Swan Catchment Centre.

- (a) The only website above planned for major upgrade during 2005-2006 is Ribbons of Blue/Waterwatch WA.

- (b) (i) The upgrade is necessary to migrate the existing content to the new DoE Portal interface. This site was developed in 1997 and has had no major upgrade since then.
- (ii) The estimated cost of the upgrade is \$7,500.

AQWEST (Bunbury) Water Board

- (a) Yes
- (b) (i) Improve Website
- (ii) Estimate \$15,000

Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission

- (a) Yes
- (b) (i) The Industrial Relations Commission Regulations 2005, operative from 1 September 2005, provide for on-line lodgements which requires an upgrade of the existing website.
- (ii) Approximately \$27,400

Hairdressers Registration Board

- (a) No
- (b) N/A.

Department of Consumer & Employment Protection/WorkSafe

- (a) There are no plans for major upgrades to websites during the 2005-06 financial year, however it is intended that a new online application be added to the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP) website during this time to provide Occupational Licence holders with the ability to view and update their details and to allow Trading Standards assessors to enter inspection data. The DOCEP website will be upgraded during this time but only as part of normal ongoing maintenance.
- (b) (i) The new online application is being developed to provide enhanced facilities to the public and industry as part of DOCEP's Compliance and Licensing System. The new facilities will enable licence holders to view and update their details and where appropriate to renew their licences online. Additionally, assessors who inspect instruments on behalf of the Trading Standards Branch will be provided with data entry facilities to enable them to enter their results directly. This enhancement is in accordance with DOCEP's vision statement, Future Directions 2005 - 2008, Direction 2, Enhancing the capability of the community.
- (ii) The cost of the new online application is expected to be approximately \$100,000 and is part of the Department's capital funded E-business initiative. The ongoing upgrade to the DOCEP website will be carried out by internal staff at no additional cost.