

REGIONAL HEADWORKS SCHEME

395. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:

I refer to the Government's review of the regional headworks scheme, which has so far taken 18 months, and ask -

- (1) Will the minister table the expenditure for the scheme in 2001-02, and the budgeted expenditure for 2002-03?
- (2) Will the minister specify the major projects funded in 2001-02 and 2002-03?
- (3) Will the minister table the membership of the review committee and how many times they have met?
- (4) Does the Government intend to release the draft for public consultation?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Expenditure in 2001-02 for the regional headworks development scheme is \$1 576 568. The budget for 2002-03 is \$1.4 million.
- (2) The major projects funded in 2001-02 were -
 - Newfishing Australia Pty Ltd, \$251 651 - Albany - seafood processing facility.
 - In the Shire of Harvey, \$308 862 - Harvey - industrial park.
 - Trailways Nominees P/L, \$370 298 - Esperance - industrial park.
 - Lily Creek International P/L, \$91 036 - Kununurra - tourist resort.
 - Shire of Dowerin, \$88 111 - Dowerin Field Day site.
 - The Shire of Cunderdin, \$130 754 - Cunderdin industrial estates.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Did the member ask for the information to be tabled?

Hon Murray Criddle: Yes.

The PRESIDENT: Can the minister table it, rather than read it out?

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I am at the end of the section the member wanted tabled. Is Hon Murray Criddle embarrassed by the answer?

Hon Murray Criddle: Not at all. I just wanted the answer.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I will table the answer to question (1). I have reached the part about the specified major projects in 2001/02. I am midway through the answer.

Hon Murray Criddle: You can table the lot.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: Does the member want it just tabled or incorporated in *Hansard*? Is the member too embarrassed to have it incorporated in *Hansard*? Shall I seek to have it tabled and incorporated in *Hansard*?

The PRESIDENT: The minister seeks leave to have the remainder of the answer incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The remainder of the answer read as follows -

Major projects funded 2002-03

Shire of Victoria Plains \$102 367 - WDC - Calingiri - Industrial Estate

- (3) The review was conducted by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.
- (4) No.
- (5) The current review incorporated findings made in a review of the regional headworks scheme undertaken in 2000 on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Trade by the Institute for Research into International Competitiveness, Curtin University. The IRIC's review included data obtained from surveys conducted with key stakeholders, including Western Power, AlintaGas, Telstra, the Western Australian Municipal Association, regional development commissions, successful and unsuccessful applicants, and regional local governments.

It was considered that sufficient consultation had occurred to enable the Department of Local Government and Regional Development to make recommendations on RHDS for my consideration.