

**DIVISION 54: INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY -**

*Supplementary Information No B8*

*Question:* Mr Trenorden requested supplementary information on the Wireless West project including details of what infrastructure the budget pays for and whether there has been any change in the program since its commencement.

*Answer:* The \$7 million State contribution to WirelessWest is a grant to Telstra and is not intended to buy specific goods or services. Telstra is using the Commonwealth, State and local government contributions to extend its CDMA mobile phone network. This includes the purchase of all necessary capital equipment and the lease of base station sites from the relevant landowners.

The base station sites have been selected by Telstra and the State Government using the following criteria:

1. ability to provide good infill coverage between areas of existing CDMA mobile phone coverage;
2. ability to serve a significant number of local residents and/or travellers;
3. demand identified and/or support expressed by the local community.

The WA Local Government Association was a party to the original WirelessWest proposal and agreed that local councils could be asked to contribute towards power and site costs. These contributions were standardised at \$10,000 for an established site and \$20,000 for a greenfields site. (These contributions are significantly less than the payments of \$50,000 to \$80,000 per site which some councils have made to other Commonwealth-funded mobile telephone extension projects under the Networking the Nation program.)

Councils have also been given the option of deferring their payments to subsequent financial years, and sharing their contributions with neighbouring shires where appropriate.

There have been no changes to the project since its commencement and it is expected that the 45 new base stations will all be operational by March 2003.

*Supplementary Information No B9*

*Question:* Mr Johnson requested the names of the members of the ministerial council on local content and the companies they work for.

*Answer:*

Ms Stephanie Mayman (UnionsWA)  
Mr Jock Ferguson (AMWU)  
Mr David Kobelke (ISOWA)  
Mr Greg Johannes (Chamber of Minerals and Energy)  
Mr Simon High (United KG)  
Mr Andrew Maiden (Woodside Petroleum)  
Mr Chris Birkett (Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd)  
Mr Francis Logan (Member for Cockburn)  
Mr Graham Cameron (Ayres Composite Panels)  
Mr Bill Sashegyi (Chamber of Commerce and Industry)  
Mr Steve Grocott (Department of Industry and Technology)  
Mr James Pearson (WANT)

*Supplementary Information No B10*

*Question:* Dr Woollard requested supplementary information on the number of full-time equivalent positions that have been found via the services of the Timber Industry Restructure Assistance Centre office this financial year.

*Answer:* The number of people that have been assisted by this office to find alternative employment and were working at 31 May 2002 was 150 (76 Full time, 24 self employed, 31 casual, remainder temporary and part time).

*Supplementary Information No B11*

*Question: Mr Johnson asked for details of the Industry Development Projects and Services undertaken in 2001/02 and those planned for 2002/03 that are referred to under the Output Performance Quantity measures on page 919 of the budget papers.*

*Answer:* The projects and services are as follows and are identified under the same three headings that are shown in the budget estimates -

**2001/02**

Industry Development Projects:

1. Fashion Industry Marketing.
2. Regional Forest Agreement.
3. Furnishing Industry Export Development.
4. Aged Care Industry Export Project.
5. Marine Infrastructure Project (Hydrodynamic Test Facility).
6. ICT Industry Support (E2B Networking Support).
7. World Congress in IT.
8. IT industry survey.
9. Call Centre Industry Development.
10. Establishment of Ansett Call Centre.
11. Regional Headquarters - Mediterranean Shipping Co. (cargo).
12. US database for potential investors.
13. IDEAS Project (satellite community at St. Andrews).
14. Motorola Investment Attraction.
15. Cold Storage Project in Singapore.
16. Wine and Hotel Food Asia.
17. Monitoring and advice to WA Specialty Alloys.
18. 'Offshore Europe 2001' (Oil and Petroleum industry).
19. San Francisco Furniture Mart.
20. Fine Food 2001, Sydney.

International Trade and Investment Services:

1. Ministerial Mission to India.
2. Premier's visit to China.
3. Inward Investment delegation from Taiwan.
4. Aust-Taiwan Business Council Conference.
5. Ministerial Mission to Singapore.
6. Kobe International Industrial Fair.
7. Premier's visit to Singapore.
8. WA Industry & Export Awards.
9. Capacity Building for the Asia Pacific Region, Kalgoorlie.
10. Guest Nation (China) at Royal Show.
11. Joint departmental and Aust-India Chamber of Commerce Networking Function.
12. Trade and industry mission to Malaysia.
13. Hyogo Prefectural Goodwill Mission (20th Anniversary).
14. Visit of industry delegation from Tuscany.

Aboriginal Economic Development Services:

1. Indigenous Tourism Development.
2. Aboriginal Arts Industry.
3. Goldfields Mining Industry - indigenous marketing.
4. Federation Park, Kojonup.
5. Multi Species Hatchery.

**2002/03:**

Industry Development Projects:

1. Advanced Computational Centre of WA (ACCWA)
2. Cockburn Sound Cluster Development
3. WA – The Energy State
4. Facilitating Bio-Opportunities.

5. Opportunities in Digital Content
6. C/wealth Liaison for Industry Development.
7. Enabling Technologies Sector Intelligence.
8. Bio-Sciences Sector Intelligence.
9. Engineering & Manufacturing Sector Intelligence.
10. SW Forests Industry Opportunities

International Trade & Investment Services:

1. Overseas Offices/Overseas Regional Networks (New Markets).
2. Emerging Markets.
3. Strategic Markets.
4. International Strategic Analysis.
5. International Projects.
6. International Marketing of WA Education Services.
7. Trade Through Aid.
8. Business Investment Centre

Aboriginal Economic Development Services:

1. Enterprise Solutions.
2. Business and Management Expertise.
3. Strategic Financial Investment

*Supplementary Information No B12*

*Question: Mr Barron-Sullivan requested supplementary information on why Output 1 FTEs are increasing from 127 to 147.*

*Answer:* The increase in FTE levels expected in 2002-03 is largely a result of the decision to defer the appointment of additional permanent staff pending completion of a review of the interim organisation structure in 2001-02. This review, which was completed recently, was to ensure that the allocation of resources reflected the priority areas for the department in the lead up to the 2002-03 financial year. During the period of review, the short-term resource requirements that could not be met by existing FTEs were supplemented by fixed term contractors. Most of these arrangements will lapse as positions are filled by substantively appointed FTEs. This approach was adopted generally across all areas of the department. In addition to this, a specific increase of 4 FTEs is planned to meet the significant workload associated with the "Old Growth Forest Policy" program.

*Supplementary Information No B13*

*Question: Mr Barron-Sullivan referred to the operating revenue figures under Output 2 and asked for the reason behind the variance between the 2001/02 budget of \$8.1 million and the estimated actual figure of \$5.8 million for the same period.*

*Answer:* The operating revenues for this Output are generated through several streams. Some of them relate to reasonably mature services and are able to be estimated reasonably accurately. Others are new and still evolving and as a consequence are more prone to slippage or change. The budget figure of \$8.1 million was an increase of \$4.3 million over the previous financial year. Much of this increase was associated with various aspects of the development of the Government Electronic Market (GEM) including the development of a version of the GEM purchasing system for the New South Wales Department of Public Works on a cost recovery basis. The expenditure on this initiative during the year was \$0.8 million less than anticipated and so there was an equivalent reduction in revenue. The expenditure and revenue associated with the Total Buying Service delivered to the Department of Justice were both \$0.5 million below the budgeted figure. Other revenues associated with the GEM Purchasing system were down by \$0.6 million. The remainder of the shortfall (\$0.4 million) is attributed to revenues from the common use contract arrangements managed by the department. Some of the anticipated growth in the revenue flowing from these arrangements is not now expected to occur until next financial year.

*Supplementary Information No B14*

*Question: Mr Trenorden asked to be advised on the nature of the expenditure of \$550,000 in 2000/01 on the Meenaar Industrial Park in Northam.*

*Answer:* The \$550,000 was a capital works grant to accelerate the first stage sub-division development of Meenaar Industrial Park. This was used for the provision of infrastructure.

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The \$550,000 was the Department of Commerce and Trade's contribution towards the development. Other contributors were LandCorp, the Avon Community Development Foundation and Regional Headworks Development Scheme Trust Fund.