

REGIONAL AREAS - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

**479. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the minister representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to comments made by the Treasurer in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, 31 May 2006 about the state government's 2006-07 \$5 billion capital works program and the percentage of the budget spent in regional areas, and the fact that \$903 million of the \$5 billion will be spent in non-metropolitan regions.

- (1) How much of the \$903 million will go to each of the following regions -
  - (a) Gascoyne;
  - (b) goldfields-Esperance;
  - (c) great southern;
  - (d) Kimberley;
  - (e) mid-west;
  - (f) Peel;
  - (g) Pilbara;
  - (h) south west; and
  - (i) wheatbelt?
- (2) For each of the regions, can the minister provide details on -
  - (a) each project funded;
  - (b) the amount allocated to each project in 2006-07;
  - (c) the total cost of the capital works project; and
  - (d) the expected completion date?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Treasurer provides the following response -

- (1)
  - (a) Gascoyne, \$22.569 million.
  - (b) Goldfields-Esperance, \$113.771 million.
  - (c) Great southern, \$60.047 million.
  - (d) Kimberley, \$128.545 million.
  - (e) Mid-west, \$58.557 million.
  - (f) Peel, \$118.646 million.
  - (g) Pilbara, \$136.447 million.
  - (h) South west, \$199.962 million.
  - (i) Wheatbelt, \$65.132 million.

In addition, it is not correct to say that only \$903 million will be spent on the regions because a large portion of the capital works program is not easily allocated to particular regions as it relates to matters with statewide significance.

- (2) It is not possible to assemble this information in the time provided.