

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT — SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNTS

528. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

It feels like a Thursday! I refer to my questions without notice 295, 346 and 524, answered on 7 April, 10 May and 14 June 2022, on special purpose accounts.

- (1) Can the Treasurer confirm that question without notice 295 asked how many special purpose accounts were operational “as at 4 April 2022” for all parts of the question?
- (2) Can the Treasurer confirm that the government’s answer to question without notice 295 included the line, “As at 4 April 2022, there are currently 24 TSPAs”, and the line, “As at 4 April 2022, the balance of the 24 TSPAs is \$19.1 billion”?
- (3) Can the Treasurer confirm that question without notice 346 asked specifically for the list of 24 special purpose accounts referenced in the answer to question without notice 295?
- (4) If yes to (1), (2) and (3), why did the answer to question without notice 524, asked yesterday, indicate that the answer given to question without notice 346 included only special purpose accounts in existence as at 30 June 2021?
- (5) Did any of the accounts listed in question without notice 524 asked yesterday, especially the digital capability fund, the softwood plantation expansion fund and the climate action fund, exist as at 4 April 2022?
- (6) If yes to (5), why has the government misled the house?

The PRESIDENT: Just before I give the call to the parliamentary secretary, I might just take this opportunity to remind members of standing order 105, which requires that questions be concise.

I give the call to the parliamentary secretary on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services.

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

Thank you, President. I answer on behalf of the minister representing. I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Treasurer. It is very succinct.

- (1)–(6) The Treasurer has addressed the member’s queries in relation to the Treasurer’s special purpose accounts on multiple occasions, as well as in the budget estimates process. If the honourable member has any further genuine questions, the Treasurer will endeavour to provide a response.