

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACT — SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

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

I refer to my questions without notice 295 and 346 answered on 7 April and 10 May 2022 on special purpose accounts, and to Legislative Assembly estimates supplementary information A7 and A8 from last month.

- (1) Why were the digital capability fund, softwood plantation expansion fund and climate action fund, all of which were announced in the September 2021 state budget, not included in the list of SPAs given in the answer to question without notice 346 answered on 10 May this year?
- (2) Why is the Westport special purpose account, which is listed in budget paper No 3 under “Special Purpose Accounts”, not included in either the answer to question 346 or in the supplementary information given to the Assembly in estimates?
- (3) Are any of these funds agency special purpose accounts; and, if so, why were they listed as Treasurer’s special purpose accounts in the Legislative Assembly supplementary information?
- (4) Where in the 2022–23 budget paper can I find specific reference to each of the four funds in this question?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

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.

- (1) The list of the Treasurer’s special purpose accounts provided in Legislative Council question without notice 346 on 10 May 2022 was as at 30 June 2021. The digital capability fund, the softwood plantation expansion fund and the climate action fund were all established following the 2021–22 state budget in September 2021.
- (2) Legislative Council question without notice 346 and Legislative Assembly supplementary information A7 and A8 both relate to the Treasurer’s special purpose accounts. The Westport special purpose account is an agency special purpose account.
- (3) See (2).
- (4) Refer to budget paper No 3, appendix 5, on pages 281 to 291.