

COCKBURN SOUND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, ESTABLISHMENT

535. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) When was the Cockburn Sound Management Council established?
- (2) What budget has the Government allocated to it for the last three years and what is proposed for the next two years?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the following response.

- (1) Cabinet approved the establishment of the Cockburn Sound Management Council (CSMC) as a sub-committee of the Board of the Water and Rivers Commission on 7 February 2000. The CSMC had its first meeting on 9 August 2000.
- (2) Cabinet approved the following five-year budget when the CSMC was established.

	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	
2004/2005					
Administration	\$ 190,340	\$ 190,000	\$ 184,000	\$ 154,000	
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Members Fees	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	
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Development & Implementation of EMP	\$ 210,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 0
Total	\$ 446,340	\$ 326,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 240,000	
\$ 200,000					

The original Cabinet funding commitment recognised the need for a higher level of funding during the first 3 years to set up the Council and its support infrastructure and to develop the Cockburn Sound Environmental Protection Policy and Management Plan. The funding commitment then accounted for the fact that the Council would move into a coordination and implementation phase once these plans had been developed. This resulted in reduced levels of funding for the final two years of the five-year commitment. The Council is currently reviewing the existing funding arrangements in light of its role beyond the original five-year commitment.