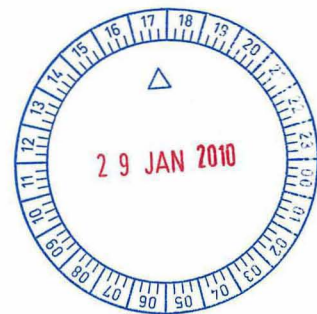


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Question No A1 Hon L Ravlich asked for a list of main projects in the Pilbara, their construction time frames, workforce during construction, operational time frame and royalty expectations?

Answer: This information is readily available from the Prospect Magazine produced by the Department of Mines and Petroleum and Department of State Development (DSD). This can be obtained from the DSD website or via the following link <http://www.dsd.wa.gov.au/7364.aspx>

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Question No A2 Hon K Travers asked if shipping services to the North West were to be discontinued, would it have an impact on the construction costs of housing generally across the North West?

Answer: The shipping service to the North West of the State has not been discontinued. On December 18 the Government announced that it would contract a major Norwegian shipping company, Jebsens to provide shipping services to the North West of the State. This will help keep freight costs into remote regions low and also help make roads safer by removing a number of trucks from the road network.

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Question No A3 Hon L Ravlich asked for an overview of the percentage of government housing, mining housing and private housing in the Pilbara?

Answer: The specifics of this question are planned for identification in the Housing Study currently being jointly undertaken by the Pilbara Development Commission (PDC) and the Department of Housing. Government housing (GROH and Homeswest) figures are shown below and are included in the PDC's quarterly Housing and Land Snapshot publication available on its website.

GROH Housing	Total Housing Stock	Number Occupied at July 1 2009	Unoccupied / Repairs / Maintenance	Vacant Awaiting New Tenant	Leased from Mining & Resource Companies	Leased from Private & Commercial 3rd Parties	Owned stock	Applicants / Waiting List
KARRATHA	546	481	42	23	0	330	216	32
NEWMAN	114	87	20	7	2	11	101	14
PORT HEDLAND	367	310	37	19	0	120	247	26
TOTAL	1027	878	99	49	2	461	564	72

Homeswest Housing	Port Hedland	Karratha	Newman	Total
Occupied	648	430	57	1135
Unocc/Repairs/Maint	71	21	5	97
Vac/aw new tenant	0	0	0	0
Total stock	719	451	62	1232
Eligible/Wait list	444		66	510
Leases	0	0	0	0
Owned stock	719	451	62	1232

The Town of Port Hedland has estimated total ratable dwellings at 5500 while Shire of Roebourne has indicated they have 6000 ratable dwellings. These figures are based on ABS statistics from 2006, new rates licences and local methods of recording.

Unfortunately we are unable to determine at this stage the percentage of commercially owned residential dwellings until the Housing Study is completed.

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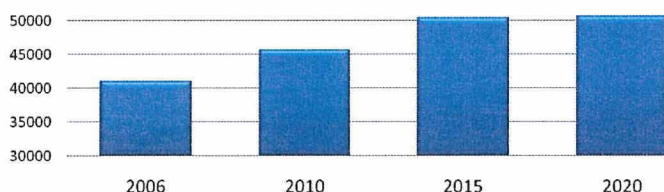
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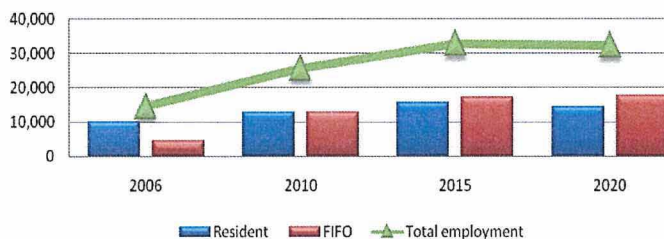
Question No A4 Hon K Travers asked for any predictions on what the major towns in the Pilbara are expected to grow by in the next 10 years?

Answer: The WA Planning Commission has adopted the Pilbara Industry's Community Council Population Projections figures in planning for the region. The graph below illustrates the expected growth from 41,000 in 2006 to above 50,000 in 2015 based on the minimum expected population as a direct result of major planned and potential resource projects in the region as of 2008. The reference to a doubling of population may refer to the expected increase in resource related employment from 15,000 in 2006 to an expected 30,000 in 2015 plus the impact of the Pilbara Cities blueprint.

Pilbara population projections



Pilbara: resource related employment 2006-2020



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Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry for Regional Development; Lands

Question No A5 Hon K Travers asked for a breakdown of the \$300million committed by this government to revitalise the Pilbara?

Answer: The \$300 million Pilbara Revitalisation Plan is being funded through the Western Australian State Government's Royalties for Regions program over four years. The funding included an allocation of \$120 million in the 2008-09 financial year, with the remainder to be spent in the out years.

The Pilbara Revitalisation Plan has allowed the implementation of core projects identified in regional community development plans such as the Karratha 2020 Vision, Newman Tomorrow, Hedland's Future Today, the Shire of Ashburton Strategic Plan and the Pilbara Plan. Current projects which have been allocated funding include:

- Tom Price Town Centre Revitalisation - **\$10million**
- Onslow Sporting and Multi Purpose Precinct - **\$7million**
- Newman Town Centre Redevelopment and Land Release incorporating Newman Cultural Precinct - **\$20million**
- Karratha Learning and Leisure Precinct - **\$20.3million**
- Rejuvenation of the Port Hedland JD Hardie Centre and Youth Zone - **\$2.6million**
- South Hedland Multi Purpose Recreation Centre - **\$4.12million**
- Upgrade of public amenities and implementation of crime and safety prevention initiatives in Port Hedland/South Hedland - **\$10.78million**
- Pilbara Water Projects - **\$2.5million**
- Pilbara Underground Power Program - **\$100million**
- Karratha Service Workers Accommodation – **\$30.4million**
- Pilbara Health Initiative - **\$35.464million**

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Question No A6 Hon L Ravlich asked a list of hard and soft infrastructure priorities for the Pilbara, and the anticipated time frame that the Commission would like to see these in place, and perhaps a ballpark figure associated with them?

Answer: The Pilbara Plan identifies a range of the infrastructure priorities for the region. The Plan is available to download from http://www.pacc.pilbara.net/uploaddocs/pilbara_plan_jan_092.pdf or the Member can be provided with an electronic or hardcopy. Included in the plan are 43 individual project priorities including costs and benefits.

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Question No A7 Hon L Behjat requested a list of the 43 Royalties for Regions funded projects?

Answer: The list of 2008/09 Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme recipients are listed below, or are available on the R4R website.

(http://www.royaltiesforregions.wa.gov.au/Docs/RGS_SuccessfulApplicantsPilbaraRegion_2008%E2%80%99309.pdf).

APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING APPROVED \$ (EX GST)
Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation	Project to Establish Biodiesel Manufacturing Business	\$ 145,000
Aurox Resources Limited	Aurox Pilbara Water Re-Use Initiative	\$ 75,000
Australia's North West Tourism	Warlu Way Development Conference in Karratha in 2009	\$ 20,000
Bloodwood Tree Association	Headworks for Construction of a Training and Employment Centre in South Hedland	\$ 130,000
Employment Law Centre of WA1	Community Legal Education, Training and Further Assistance for Regions	\$ 19,817
FORM Contemporary Craft and Design Inc	Let's Get Started!! Spinifex Hill Indigenous Artists Group	\$ 30,000
Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation	Ngarda Multi-Media Training Centre Up-grade and establishment salary for a Multi-Media Youth and Community Specialist for one Year	\$ 100,000
Lions Club of Newman Inc.	Playground Facility at the Lions Animal Park in Newman	\$ 28,189
Managerial Resource Training (MRT)	Pilbara Forward >> Training the Pilbara for Growth and Sustainability – Small Business Training and Development	\$ 70,000
Michael Leslie Foundation for the Arts	Pilbara Performing Arts Program	\$ 100,000
Ngala Community Services	Ngala Online – web based services for parents	\$ 10,714
Njamal Aboriginal Corporation	Mobile Lore and Cultural Facility	\$ 148,500
One Laptop Per Child Australia	One Laptop Per Martu Child in Parnngurr and Punmu	\$ 100,000
Onslow Occasional Child Care Association	Upgrade existing childcare centre	\$ 8,955
Pannawonica Playgroup	Pannawonica Playgroup Upgrade	\$ 20,961
Parnngurr Aboriginal Corporation	Community Fire Trailer	\$ 26,260
Pilbara Aboriginal Contractors Association	PACA 12 Month Establishment Plan	\$ 100,000
Pilbara Indigenous Nursery	Assist with the development of the Pilbara Indigenous Nursery in Roebourne	\$ 100,000
Pioneers Football and Sporting Club	Clubroom Security Upgrade in Newman	\$ 6,000
Port Hedland Primary School	Equipment and excursion costs for the Port Hedland Primary School Extension Music Group	\$ 9,560
Port Hedland Youth and Family Centre	Cubby House Shade Structure	\$ 7,000
Roebourne School	Leadership Excursion to Canberra	\$ 20,000
Senses Foundation	Specialist Training for People in the Region Caring for People who are Deaf/Blind	\$ 37,000
Shire of Ashburton	Redevelopment and Refurbishment of the Tom Price Sports Pavilion	\$ 175,000
Shire of Ashburton	Redevelopment and Refurbishment of the Paraburdoo Sports Pavilion	\$ 75,000
Shire of East Pilbara	The Pilbara Indigenous Women's Gathering in Newman in 2009	\$ 40,000
Shire of East Pilbara	Newman Moto-X Raceway Upgrade	\$ 60,000
Shire of Roebourne	Roebourne Community Centre Upgrade	\$ 128,700
South Hedland Bowling and Tennis Club Inc	Headworks for South Hedland Bowling and Tennis Club Facility Upgrade	\$ 100,000
The Alan Duff Charitable Foundation for Books in Homes Australia	Books in Strelley Community School and Homes	\$ 4,370
The Young Men's Christian Association of Perth Inc2	Construction of the Karratha Early Learning Centre	\$ 300,000
Town of Port Hedland	CCTV System - stage 2	\$ 100,000
Town of Port Hedland	Public Lighting Upgrade	\$ 150,000
Town of Port Hedland	Entropy Reduction Through Resource Recovery – Footpaths Recycling of commercial materials	\$ 140,000
Town of Port Hedland	Murdoch Drive Fitness and Rest Nodes	\$ 100,000
Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (Jamukurnu-Yapalikunu)	Martu Employment Program Implementation	\$ 250,000
Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC)	Martu-initiated Civil Construction On-site Training Program (Niminja Road - Punmu to Parnngurr)	\$ 100,000
Wickham Community Association	Purchase of a Community Bus	\$ 55,241
Wickham Primary School P&C Association	Wickham Primary School Facility Improvements/Upgrades	\$ 26,684
Wickham Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	Wickham based dedicated Training Facility	\$ 71,600
Wirraka Maya Health Service	Aboriginal Oral and Dental Health Program	\$ 90,000
Yinjaa Barni Art Aboriginal Corporation	Further development of the Yinjaa Barni Arts Project in Roebourne	\$ 55,000

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Question No A8 Hon L Behjat requested details of the October 2008 Pilbara Women's Conference in relations to the expenditure of the project?

Answer: The Pilbara Women's Conference had a budget of \$108,000, of which the Pilbara Development Commission provided \$60,000.

A Sponsorship Prospectus attracted a total of \$37,000 from BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto, Woodside, North West Alliance and Port Hedland Port Authority. The remaining budget was covered by funds generated through delegate registrations, Conference events ticket sales and stall holder fees.

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Question No A9 Hon L Ravlich asked in relation to the use of restricted funds, who were the officers involved, their position and level and how long they have been employed by the Commission?

Answer: As stated during the Pilbara Development Commission's Estimates hearing, the Commission is undertaking a forensic audit of its accounts. The Commission expects it will be in a better position to respond to the question following the audit.

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Question No A10 Hon L Ravlich has requested a list of the authorisation documents for the use of restricted funds?

Answer: As stated during the Pilbara Development Commission's Estimates hearing, the Commission is undertaking a forensic audit of its accounts. The Commission expects it will be in a better position to respond to the question following the audit.