

HON GIZ WATSON MLC ASKED

1. Can you please advise what progress has been made in relation to:
  - 1.1 the Bunbury Outer Ring Road; and
  - 1.2 the Margaret River Perimeter Road.

Answer:

1.1 The Bunbury Outer Ring Road

The first stage for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (4.5km from Boyanup-Picton to South Western Highway) has been funded and planning work is currently underway. The road will be built in conjunction with Stage Two of the Port Access Road. Funding of \$52.86 million has been committed from the Commonwealth with \$6.05 million from the State. Construction of stage one is expected to commence in 2010/11. The remainder of the road is currently unfunded.

1.2 Margaret River Perimeter Road

Main Roads is currently undertaking planning work to determine the route the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River has selected. Main Roads has budgeted \$298,000 in 2009/10 for this work. The route selected was part of the Shire's Structure Plan that has been submitted to the WA Planning Commission for endorsement. Further work will be subject to this endorsement.

HON LJILJANNA RAVLICH MLC ASKED

2. I refer to Page 315 and items 'Net Cost of Services, Total Income from State Government' and 'Surplus/(Deficiency) for the period' and ask:
  - 2.1 Is it the correct interpretation to say that your costs exceed your income and you have a shortfall of \$179,000 for the 2009/10 year?
  - 2.2 If this is correct interpretation, how is that shortfall covered.

Answer:

- 2.1 The Income Statement is an accrual based statement and contains noncash items such as depreciation, leave liabilities, accrued wages, accrued expenses and can in some instances give a deficit figure for the surplus (deficiency) for that period.
- 2.2 The shortfall is not a cash shortfall due to the accrual nature of the items.

3. Page 312 of the Budget Papers mentions trade opportunities. I understand that there has been interest in the South West at various times from various players to start a container trade through Bunbury Port, but that the Port requires a relatively firm proposal to begin capital works. Has the Commission had or sought opportunities to assist the Bunbury Port in getting their container trade off the ground? If so, what assistance has been offered? Would the Development Commission take on a role in forming a joint venture with interested parties?

Answer:

3. The Commission assisted the Bunbury Port with an analysis of container volumes from the South West in early 2002. Since that time the Port has pursued opportunities on a commercial basis. The South West Development Commission would not take a role in forming a joint venture with any interested parties as this would conflict with the Regional Development Commissions Act 1993.
4. Has the Commission done any work on population projections for the next 10 years and if so can they be tabled?
- 4.1 Has the Commission done any work on likely resources (infrastructure, staffing, funding etc) needed to meet those population projections in –
- i) Health;
  - ii) Education;
  - iii) Police and Emergency Services; and
  - iv) Housing.

Answer:

4. 4.1 i) – iv) Yes. The Commission has provided information through the South West Human Services forum to agencies regarding population growth in the region and the likely impact of specific project developments in the region. The Commission has facilitated coordination of priorities from agencies and has a human service investment document identifying infrastructure requirements.

The Commission does not engage in activities to forecast individual agency needs in each of the portfolio areas, but provides agencies with demographic and economic information to assist internal forecasting.

5. Has the Commission done any work on determining priorities for the region in terms of what local communities want to see?

Answer:

5. Yes the following activities have taken place:
- Preparation of the South West Directions document: 2005
  - Preparation of the South West Investment Plan: 2008
  - Preparation of South West Development Commission Strategic Plan
  - Participation in the Margaret River Tourism Taskforce
6. Can you identify for the following communities –
- a) Busselton
  - b) Bunbury
  - c) Harvey
  - d) Collie
  - e) Margaret River
  - f) Bridgetown/Greenbushes
  - g) Nannup; and
  - h) Boyup Brook
- 6.1 What the priorities are?
- 6.2 The funding required to meet each of those priorities.

Answer:

6.1 and 6.2 See attached South West Investment Plan.

HON. KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED

7. As of the last date you reported to Treasury on your finances:
- 7.1 Can you please identify all accounts held by your agency?
  - 7.2 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
  - 7.3 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
  - 7.4 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

- 7.1 The Commission holds one account – South West Development Commission Operating Account.
- 7.2 As at 30/9/2009 – \$17,660,409.
- 7.3 As at 30/9/2009 – \$17,045,668.

- 7.4 Excluding restricted grant appropriations, capital appropriations and external income (Royalties for Regions) – 4%.
8. As of the last date you internally monitored each account your agency has:
- 8.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
- 8.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 8.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

- 8.1 As at 15/10/2009 – \$17,571,827.
- 8.2 As at 15/10/2009 – \$16,630,780.
- 8.3 Excluding restricted grant appropriations, capital appropriation and external income (Royalties for Regions) – 6%.
9. Please provide, for each question below, for each account held by your agency the figures as of 30 June 2009.
- 9.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
- 9.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 9.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

- 9.1 \$13,549,623.
- 9.2 \$13,474,264.
- 9.3 Excluding restricted grant appropriations, capital appropriations and external income (Royalties for Regions) – 2%.

10. For the following categories –

- i) Media and Marketing;
- ii) Advertising; and
- iii) Consultants

10.1 Please provide how much was spent in the 07/08 and 08/09 years.

10.2 How much is budgeted to be spent in each area in the 09/10 financial year?

10.3 Can you please define what activities you include in each of these areas?

10.4 Are there any activities that could be included in the ordinary meaning of the words that are not included in the above figures and if yes, please detail?

Answer:

10.1 2007/08

- i) \$43,000
- ii) \$24,543
- iii) Nil

2008/09

- i) Nil
- ii) \$11,250
- iii) Nil

10.2 2009/10 budget

- i) Nil.
- ii) \$39,000.
- iii) Nil.

10.3 i) Media and marketing promotion utilising organised campaigns associated with a distinct program.

ii) Advertising of staff and board positions, government gazette, advising of grant programs, TradeStart information advertisements.

iii) Consultant activities are associated with providing advice on management issues.

10.4 No activities.