

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

The Committee asked:

- 1) In 2019-20, did your agency receive a qualified audit or 'matter of significance' or an 'emphasis of matter' from the Auditor General:
 - a) If so, outline the reason and your plan to remedy the issue by 2020-21?
- 2) With respect to the Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme:
 - a) Have all separations been completed; and
 - b) If not, when do you expect the remaining separations to occur?
- 3) With respect to machinery of government changes in 2017, does your agency have fully integrated financial, HR, administrative and IT systems:
 - a) If not, what changes remain to be implemented; and
 - b) If changes remain outstanding, what is the timeframe for completion?

Answer:

- 1) Yes, an 'emphasis of matter'.
 - a) The emphasis of matter did not relate to a matter of financial reporting, control or governance in the Department, but to a contingent liability matter regarding litigation between the Government of Western Australia and the Mineralogy group which has been widely reported in the media.
- 2)
 - a) Yes
 - b) Not Applicable
- 3) No
 - a) Finance system scheduled to 'go live' on 1 December 2020. Other corporate systems (eg human resource/payroll system and records management system) and the IT network currently in planning phase.
 - b) Approximately two (2) years.



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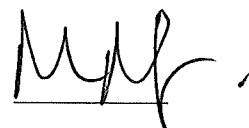
Hon Tim Clifford MLC asked:

- 1) I refer to page 217 of Budget Paper No. 2: Budget Statements Volume 1 which outlines \$400,000 to be spent subsidising the Gorgon Gas Carbon Dioxide Injection Project:
- a) How much has been spent from the WA Government on this project to date; and
 - b) Why is the Government continuing to fund a project that failed to deliver on its original environmental conditions?

Answer:

- a) Nothing. The Gorgon Joint Venture makes an annual payment of \$100,000, subject to obligations contained in the Section 13 Approval, which authorises the injection of Carbon Dioxide on Barrow Island. Payments to JTSI are, in turn, forwarded to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. These funds are used to administer the injection project, subject to the *Petroleum Pipelines Act 1969*.
- b) Refer to above.

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