

LOCAL PROJECTS, LOCAL JOBS — PROJECT SCOPE CHANGES

1240. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Western Australian Auditor General’s “Audit Results Report — Annual 2017–18 Financial Audits of State Government Entities” of 7 November 2018, and in particular the section entitled, “Local Projects, Local Jobs program — accountability and acquittal of projects”.

- (1) How many recipients funded under the banner of Local Projects, Local Jobs have used those funds for a purpose that differed from the grant agreement?
- (2) In each of these cases, what were the original purposes specified in the grant agreement and the sum of money involved, and what were the purposes for which the funds were used?
- (3) Which members of Parliament approved those changes of scope and who were the relevant ministers who endorsed those changes, and why was any money not used for any original purpose not merely returned to government to assist in budget repair?
- (4) Will the Leader of the House please table the instructions, guidelines or protocols and procedures that govern the approval of changes of scope; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet only maintains records for projects administered by this department.

- (1)–(3) The changes in scope for the projects identified were determined to be minor in nature and aligned with the original intention of the Local Projects, Local Jobs program. As per the Auditor General’s report, changes in purpose or project funding was obtained by the relevant minister or delegate within the department. The rest of the answer to this part is in tabular form, so I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

	Local Project Local Jobs	Original Purpose	Amount	Amended Purpose
1.	MET 072 – Bayswater SES	Facility upgrades	\$16,000	Inclusion of IT equipment for on-line training
2.	MET150A – Roleystone bush fire brigade	Equipment	\$30,000	Vehicle

- (4) Each department or agency has used its own procedures for administering funds to organisations and setting the requirements for reporting and acquittal information. Each agency is responsible for ensuring the specific requirements are met.