

Division 39: Finance (Except Service 12 — Energy Policy and Programs) —

[Supplementary Information No B26.]

Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked: What has been the additional cost to relocate distance learning education staff from Hale House to Beechboro and then to Padbury?

Answer: The Centre for Inclusive Schooling was relocated in May 2011. The estimated cost to relocate the Centre for Inclusive Schooling from Hale House to alternative premises in Beechboro (leased from the Anglican Schools Commission) was around \$110,000. The Department of Education pays around \$23,000 in rent per month.

No additional costs have yet been incurred for the Centre for Inclusive Schooling's relocation to Padbury.

[Supplementary Information No B27.]

Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked: Will the Treasurer provide a list of the 90 schools that registered for the solar schools program but did not enter into contracts?

Answer: The 90 schools which registered in the Solar Schools Program are outlined in the table below:

Aranmore Catholic College	Morley Senior High School
Ashdale Secondary College	Newman Senior High School
Australian Islamic College, Kewdale	Newton Moore Senior High School
Australian Islamic College, Thornlie	Ngalapita Remote Community School
Beacon Primary School	Osborne Primary School
Bible Baptist Christian Academy	Our Lady of Lourdes School
BirLirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School	Padbury Catholic Primary School
Brookdale Adventist School	Perth Waldorf School
Bullsbrook District High School	Peter Carnley Anglican Community School
Capel Primary School	Pioneer Village School
Carlisle Primary School	Rehoboth Christian College
Carnarvon Christian School	River Valley Primary School
Chisholm Catholic College	Riverlands Montessori School
Chrysalis Montessori	Rockingham Montessori School
Clifton Hills Primary School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Cornerstone Christian College	Sacred Heart School
Dale Christian School	Sacred Heart School, Highgate
Endeavour Schools	Scotch College, Morley
Forrestdale Primary School	SMYL Community College
Foundation Christian College	South Lake Primary School
Gosnells Primary School	Spirit of Play Community School
Governor Stirling Senior High School	St Augustine's Primary School
Greenbushes Primary School	St Brigid's School
Guildford Grammar School	St Denis Catholic School
Halls Creek District High School	St Emilie's Catholic Primary School
Hillside Christian School	St Gerard's Primary School
Holy Cross College	St Helena's Catholic Primary School
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School	St John's Catholic Primary School
Hudson Park Primary School	St Joseph's School
Iona Presentation Primary School	St Joseph's School, Busselton
Irene McCormack Catholic College	St Lawrence Primary School
John Calvin Christian College	St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School
John Pujajangka-Piyirn School	St Mary's Catholic Primary School
John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School	St Mary's Catholic School
Kalamunda Christian College	St Mary's College, Broome
Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community	St Mary's School, Merredin
Kingston Primary School	St Peter's Primary School
Landsdale Gardens Adventist School	St Stephen's School
Lathlain Primary School	Swan View Senior High School
Loreto Catholic School	The Montessori School
Lurnpa Catholic School	Thornlie Primary School
Lynwood Senior High School	Winthrop Baptist College

Mandurah Catholic College	Wongutha Christian Aboriginal Parent-Directed School
Mater Dei College	Woodbury Boston Primary School
Meekatharra District High School	Woodthorpe School

[Supplementary Information No B28.]

Question: Mr E.S. Ripper asked: What price per tonne of carbon abated is the government currently paying for its carbon neutral policy?

Answer: The Government is currently paying \$1.69 per tonne.

[Supplementary Information No B29.]

Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked: Has there recently been or is there currently underway a review of the types of equipment that can be subsidised under the life support equipment subsidy scheme; and, if so, what are the results of that review?

Answer: Yes. The Tariff and Concession Framework Review undertaken by the former Office of Energy considered the way in which the Life Support Equipment Electricity Subsidy should be managed and developed. The review is currently being considered by the Minister for Energy.

[Supplementary Information No B30.]

Question: Mr B.S. Wyatt asked: Will the Treasurer provide a breakdown of the individual items of expenditure pursuant to the \$192.280 million indicated for works program turnover in 2012–13?

Answer: Building Management and Works (BMW) manages a large portfolio of capital, maintenance and office accommodation programs on behalf of agencies. BMW estimates for project/program/lease expenditure cash flows across this portfolio are based on best information available from agencies at the time.

These estimates are subject to change, and some readjustment of cash flow expenditures is expected as more accurate information is made available to BMW:

- existing projects and programs within the overall portfolio are progressed and more accurately defined, resulting in adjustments to earlier estimates to more accurately reflect reality of current circumstances; and
- new projects and programs are identified and funded to the agency in the period since the last budget was set, impacting the Department's expense limit.

The \$192 million in 2012-13 reflects an increase of:

- \$139 million across the capital works program managed on behalf of agencies, consisting of:
 - new projects and programs identified and funded to the agency since the last budget:
 - the Department of Health's Southern Inland Health Initiative, a 5-year \$325 million program involving upgrades to six major hospitals and 31 smaller health facilities, funded through Royalties for Regions, with an estimated turnover of around \$40 million in 2012-13;
 - various Department of Health hospital projects, including at Sir Charles Gairdner, Carnarvon, Esperance, Exmouth and Onslow, with an estimated turnover of around \$30 million in 2012-13;
 - various Department of Education projects, including the air-cooling program, the ember protection program and the Year 7 transition to high schools, with an estimated turnover of around \$31 million in 2012-13; and
 - readjustment of cash flow expenditures for current works-in-progress resulting in a net increase of about \$38 million in 2012-13;
- \$26 million in the building maintenance program for agencies; and
- \$27 million in the office accommodation program of agencies.

[Supplementary Information No B31.]

Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked: For the hardship efficiency program, will the Treasurer provide a breakdown of the people who were visited; how many people were employed in the scheme; what the outcome was for all the people who were visited; information about the number of households that were reached and what happened to each household, inclusive of how much of the annual budget for each year was spent and what amount of it went on wages?

Answer: Breakdown of the number of households visited under the Hardship Efficiency Program since its commencement in January 2009 – the data for 2011-12 covers the period to 6 May 2012, with data for the remainder of the year still being collated.

Year	Number of Households Assessed
2008-09	337
2009-10	702
2010-11	905
2011-12	3,056
TOTAL	5,000

The Hardship Efficiency Program provided households with education assistance to help them increase their energy and water efficiency around the home, and the associated products to help achieve such a reduction. The number of products provided to recipients over the period of the program to December 2011 is outlined in the following table.

Hardware Items	2009*	2010*	2011*	Total
Shower heads	338	843	1,138	2,319
Shower timers	471	936	703	2,110
Compact fluorescent lamps	2,533	5,785	12,810	21,128
Weather stripping	404	950	1,211	2,565
Thermometers	474	958	346	1,778
Power boards	Nil	Nil	1,722	1,722
Hot water pipe insulation	Nil	Nil	439	439
Clothes airers	Nil	Nil	452	452

*Data only available by calendar year

The Public Utilities Office has previously been advised by Synergy's contracted Hardship Efficiency Program provider that between 12 and 14 people were employed to provide the program in 2011-12.

How much of the annual budget for each year was spent? The total budget for the Hardship Efficiency Program covered a range of programs, including the provision of home energy efficiency assessments and product replacements. The following table illustrates the actual expenditure on the energy efficiency assessments and product replacements, as a portion of the overall Hardship Efficiency Program budget.

Please note that the total expenditure numbers for 2011-12 are not complete as a number of invoices remain to be issued by Synergy and Horizon Power following the closure of the program.

	2008-09 (\$'000)	2009-10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)	2011-12 (\$'000)
Overall HEP Budget	635	6,045	6,000	11,900
Overall HEP Expenditure Actual	597	1,670	7,571	5,738**
Home Assessment Actual	101	232	385	1,614
Fridge Replacement Actual	Not applicable*	79	449	2,104

* The Fridge Replacement Scheme did not commence operation until 2009-10.

** Expenditure by Office of Energy and Public Utilities Office to 31 May 2012.

Information on wages for contracted service providers under the Hardship Efficiency Program is not available as this was the business of the service providers. However, the average cost of an in-home energy efficiency and education service under the program in 2011-12 was \$528, inclusive of all costs.

[Supplementary Information No B32.]

Question: Mrs L.M. Harvey asked: Will the Treasurer provide a breakdown between the amount of expenditure in the budget and out years that goes, firstly, to local government pensioner concessions and, secondly, to local government water rates for pensioner concessions?

Answer: In relation to the figures on page 457 under "Pensioner concessions – local government and water rates", no detailed breakdown between local government and water rates is readily available for the budget and

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three out years. What can be advised is that in relation to 2011-12, as at 31 May 2012, around \$280,000 had been paid for water and drainage concessions out of a total amount paid for concessions under this item at that date of \$70.9 million. These claims for water and drainage charge concessions related to 14 local government authorities and two country water boards.

Water rates charged by the Water Corporation, and for which concessions are payable under the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act* to eligible pensioners and seniors, are claimed back by the Water Corporation under an Operating Subsidy Payment direct from the Government. As such, the extent of the Water Corporation concessions are not included in this expenditure item.