

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND LEVY — EXEMPTION REMOVAL

1001. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the minister's media statement of 1 October 2018 titled "Levy change in place to boost construction training opportunities".

- (1) Have regulations been gazetted to give effect to the change; and, if so, on what date?
- (2) What is the expected revenue per year from 2018–19 to 2021–22 from the Construction Training Fund and, separately, from the removal of the exemption arising from this media statement?
- (3) What consultation occurred with industries affected by the removal of the exemption?
- (4) Are further changes to the fund being considered in light of the increased funding?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes, the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Amendment Regulations 2018 were published in the *Government Gazette* on 28 September 2018, with the regulations coming into operation on 1 October 2018.
- (2)–(4) Madam President, the answer to (2) is in tabular form and given that the answers to (3) and (4) are quite long and I want to facilitate as many questions as I can, I seek leave for the rest of the answer to be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

- (2) The following table provides an annual breakdown of operating revenue from the Budget's forward estimates for the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund levy as a whole.

2018–19 (\$ million)	2019–20 (\$ million)	2020–21 (\$ million)	2021–22 (\$ million)
35	37	36	32

The following table shows the annual breakdown of revenue from the Budget's forward estimates for the removal of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund levy exemption for the resources sector:

2018–19 (\$ million)	2019–20 (\$ million)	2020–21 (\$ million)	2021–22 (\$ million)
6.0	8.6	7.3	3.3

- (3) Resources sector stakeholder consultation regarding the removal of the levy exemption has been managed through a series of meetings between the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD), the Construction Training Fund (CTF), the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME), the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA), and the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC).

The Building and Construction industry consultation was managed through meetings with the Housing Industry Association (HIA), Master Builders Association (MBA), Construction Contractors Association (CCA), and Civil Contractors Federation (CCF).

A meeting was held between DTWD, CTF and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (CCI).

A meeting was held with UnionsWA, the Construction Forestry Mining Maritime and Energy Union (CFMEU), the Electrical Trades Union (ETU), and the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU).
 - (4) A working group comprising the resources sector, the building and construction industry and unions is being established to develop options for the disbursement of the levy to meet Government's objectives. The five-yearly review of the operation and effectiveness of the *Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990* (WA) is also due in 2019.
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