

SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION — PROJECTS

644. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the South West Development Commission's key efficiency indicators for service to regional development as detailed in the *South West development Commission's 2012–13 Annual Report*, and I ask:

- (a) 2012–13 shows a 22 per cent decrease in staff project/service hours from 2011–12, what was the cause of this decrease;
- (b) if the staff engaged in far less project and servicing work, to what alternate activities was their time committed;
- (c) how many projects did the South West Development Commission play a direct role in the delivery of in 2011–12;
- (d) how many projects did the South West Development Commission play a direct role in the delivery of in 2012–13; and
- (e) the total operating cost of the Commission decreased by approximately six per cent from 2011–12 to 2012–13, yet staff project hours decreased by 22 per cent over the same period, can the Minister please explain this discrepancy?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

- (a) Annual leave and staff vacancies.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Sixty three.
- (d) Fifty seven.
- (e) Annual leave and staff vacancies.