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[LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES A AND B SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION — Thursday,
24 May 2018]

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Mr D.T. Redman; Dr Mike Nahan

Division 14: Finance —

[Supplementary Information No A19.]

Question: Mr D.T. Redman asked for a breakdown of which agencies will be co-located and in which towns, how many government-leased premises will be vacated as a result and, if possible, how many government employees will be made redundant as a result.

Answer: The Local Service Delivery Working Group was convened by the Premier to identify ways to deliver services more efficiently and effectively in regional areas. The working group made 13 recommendations, including that:

- (a) the Department of Finance continues to support newly established machinery of government agencies to identify further opportunities for co-location and/or consolidation; and
- (b) the Department of Communities undertakes service delivery reform pilots in Bunbury and the Kimberley region, working collaboratively with the government agencies in these areas to improve local services.

In relation to the recommendation directed at the Department of Finance, I can advise that as part of its Government Office Accommodation Reform Program, the Department has been working closely with all government agencies to identify and progress value-for-money co-location and consolidation opportunities in both regional and metropolitan areas.

Although the Department of Finance has not been involved in agency decision-making processes following the recent machinery of government changes, it has relinquished 15 office accommodation leases in regional areas, comprising some 3,015 square metres, that were no longer required for a number of reasons, including co-location and consolidation (refer Attachment1).

The recommendation regarding pilot projects is being coordinated by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet through the Government's Public Sector Reform Program, with the Department of Finance playing a support role. It would be premature to make any statement as to which leases could be relinquished as a result of these pilot projects.

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Agency	Address	Region	Town	Net Lettable Area (sqm)
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	5 Francis Street, Carnarvon	Gascoyne	Carnarvon	140.8
Department of Justice	Shop 19, Carnarvon Shopping Centre Carnarvon	Gascoyne	Carnarvon	191.0
Department of Communities	Unit 7, Northam Arcade 189 Fitzgerald Street, Northam	Wheatbelt	Northam	138.0
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	Royce House, 94 Sanford Street, Geraldton	Midwest	Geraldton	326.0
Department of Health	Part Podium Level, Bunbury Tower 61 Victoria Street, Bunbury	South West	Bunbury	31.8
Landgate	Unit 3, 1st Floor, 58 Serpentine Road, Albany	Great Southern	Albany	81.0
Department of Justice	Suite 7, 8 and 11, Balmoral Square 53 The Esplanade, Esperance	Goldfields Esperance	Esperance	165.0

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Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage	Lot 2, 18 Tonkin Street South Hedland	Pilbara	South Hedland	207.0
Department of Finance	Units 1 and 2, 2 Barnesby Drive Yakamia	Great Southern	Albany	232.0
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Units 4, 5 and 7 Moora Foundation Centre 13 Dandaragan Street, Moora	Wheatbelt	Moora	84.4
Department of Communities	Suite 4, 8 Cassowary Bend, Eaton	South West	Eaton	119.7
Department of Finance	Unit 4, 84–96 Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie	Goldfields Esperance	Kalgoorlie	244.0
Department of Communities	Part 119 Federal Street, Narrogin	Wheatbelt	Narrogin	69.0
Department of Communities	Part Podium Level, Bunbury Tower 61 Victoria Street, Bunbury	South West	Bunbury	60.0
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	88–90 Stead Road, Albany	Great Southern	Albany	925.0
			Total	3,014.7

[Supplementary Information No A20.]

Question: Dr M.D. Nahan asked: What is Building Management and Works' spend on maintenance?

Answer: The Department of Finance's Building Management and Works business unit provides maintenance services to a number of government agencies (but not all government agencies) to assist them with the management of their non-residential building assets. As maintenance funding is embedded in line agencies' budgets, and responsibility for low-value works is increasingly being devolved to schools, it is difficult to predict with certainty the level of maintenance expenditure over the forward estimates period.

Notwithstanding this, the Department of Finance estimates that the total spend through Building Management and Works will be relatively consistent over the forward estimates period, with approximately \$275–300 million expended annually. This spending range takes into account the annual fluctuations that can occur as a result of targeted maintenance programs, such as roof replacements and air conditioning renewal.