

DIGITAL CAPABILITY FUND

711. Mr R.S. Love to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I refer to the \$900 million Digital Capability Fund:

- (a) Of the original \$500 million committed:
 - (i) How much has actually been spent;
 - (ii) How much is committed to projects expected to start in the next financial year; and
 - (iii) Please detail the expenditure by funding commitment, timeline for completion, whether a budget revision was required;
- (b) Of the additional \$400 million committed in the 2022–23 Budget:
 - (i) How much has actually been spent; and
 - (ii) Please detail the expenditure by funding commitment, timeline for the funding commitment;
- (c) How many projects in total are being funded through the \$900 million allocation;
- (d) How many projects will not start before 2025; and
- (e) Does the fund cater for any Information and Communication Technology (ICT) upgrades at Gold Corporation or the Department of Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)?

Ms H.M. Beazley replied:

- (a)–(c) The Fund is managed as a single account. Of the \$900 million allocation to the Digital Capability Fund (the Fund), approximately \$579 million has been allocated from the Fund to agencies for 44 projects, as at the 2022–23 Mid-Year Review. A summary of the allocations (as published in various budget papers) is attached. [See tabled paper no 1932.] To date, no projects have required a budget revision. Allocations for the 2023–24 financial year will be published as part of the 2023–24 State Budget.
- (d) All current funded projects will commence prior to 2025.
- (e) There has been no allocation of funding from the Fund for ICT upgrades at Gold Corporation. Department of Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety projects funded from the Fund are outlined in the attachment.