

## **ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **2014/15 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING**

#### **Department of Culture and the Arts (State Library of Western Australia)**

##### **Hon Alanna Clohesy asked:**

1) For the following years where did the Better Beginnings team deliver Better Beginnings training:

- a) 2014/15;  
State Library of Western Australia, Clarkson, Cunderdin, Fremantle, Inglewood, Kalgoorlie, Margaret River, Murdoch University, Narrogin, and South Hedland.
- b) 2013/14;  
State Library of Western Australia, Baldivis, Belmont, Bunbury, Central Institute of Technology (Perth), City of Swan, Eaton, Geraldton, Kwinana, Manjimup, Mundijong, Narrogin, Newman, Thornlie, Toodyay, and Victoria Park.
- c) 2012/13;  
State Library of Western Australia, Australind, Belmont, Bullcreek, Central Institute of Technology (Perth), City of Swan, Department of Corrective Services, East Perth (Department of Child Protection), Gnowangerup, Katanning, Manjimup, and Narrogin.
- d) 2011/12.  
State Library of Western Australia, Central Institute of Technology (Perth), East Pilbara Regional Library Meeting Northam, Geraldton, Gingin, Joondalup, Kalgoorlie, Mundijong, Pingelly, and Rockingham.

Training includes: Better Beginnings training for library staff, On Board with Better Beginnings (for parents), Book Cubby training, Rhymetime and Storytime Training, Literacy Awareness workshops, Home Literacy Practices for Parents, Skilling Aboriginal Parents in Home Literacy, and Engaging Aboriginal Families with Library Services.

2) I refer to the review of the regional model which as conducted by the library in 2014 and ask:

- a) What was the outcome?  
The outcome was an internal report to the Library Board of Western Australia that reviewed the changes made to the regional model in 2012-13.

b) Who conducted the review?

The review was conducted by the State Library of Western Australia. All regional librarians were interviewed, and library officers in smaller libraries were sent a survey to complete, with a response rate of around 50 per cent. The State Library also considered activity plans and reports on activities prepared by regional librarians, as well as the State Library's own experience of directly supporting two regions that do not have their own regional librarians.

c) Please provide a copy of the outcomes from the review.

There have been no direct outcomes from the review at this stage due to the strategic visioning process for public library services currently being undertaken by the Western Australian Local Government Association. Changes to the regional model will be considered in line with this process and will involve further investigation and negotiations with all stakeholders

3) What funding has been allocated for local public schools for the following years:

- a) 2014/15;
- b) 2013/14;
- c) 2012/13; and
- d) 2011/12?

The State Library of Western Australia does not provide funding for local public schools.