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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HON LYNN MACLAREN MLC ASKED -

- (1) *I refer to "Notes to the financial statements", note 7 on page 66 of the Annual Report, and ask can the Commission breakdown the costing of Supplies and Services that fall into the 'other' category?*

EOC Supplies and Services (other)	\$ Costs
Entertainment and Catering	215
Utilities (Usage)	34 773
Rates and Charges	25 190
Insurance Premiums	18 779
Licences, Fees and Registration	9 047
Advertising and Promotion	13 182
Other Supplies and Services (unacquitted credit card expenses as at 30 June 2013)	- 30 095
TOTAL:	\$71 091

- (2) *I refer to "Notes to the financial statements", note 11 on page 68 of the Annual Report, and ask-*
- a) *Was the decrease in training course fees of \$32, 175 due to reduced fees or reduced attendance?*

Answer: see explanation below.

- b) *Will the Commission please explain the decrease in course fees and/or attendance?*

Answer: fees have not been reduced. Lower attendances may be related to the financial pressures and capacity in both private and public sectors to book training.

- c) *Would the Commission attribute this to removed Commonwealth funding and/or the ceased State Government funding to the Substantive Equality Unit (SEU)?*

Answer: no.

- d) *What are the impacts to the ceasing of the SEU?*

Answer:

While the Equal Opportunity Commission will no longer provide dedicated resources to government agencies, the Commission's Education Unit is incorporating into its programs all relevant materials and information on substantive equality, as well as providing forums on substantive equality matters.

e) *Has the Commission reduced work with education sectors and school communities regarding the Drafting of guidelines for supporting sexual and gender diversity in schools?*

Answer: no. The Guidelines were completed and released on 28 August 2014 for distribution to the schools sector through the education authorities. Promotion of the Guidelines and associated information continues in the Commission as does contact with the education authorities.

f) *Please explain other impacts that have come from reduced State and Commonwealth funding?*

Answer: there has been no reduction in Commonwealth funding to EOC. Other than the closing of the Substantive Equality Unit the Commission is managing its core work within the State Budget framework.

(3). *Where are the statistics on gender diversity across the management tiers in the Department?*

Answer: gender diversity across the public sector is reported annually by the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment of the Public Sector Commission.

