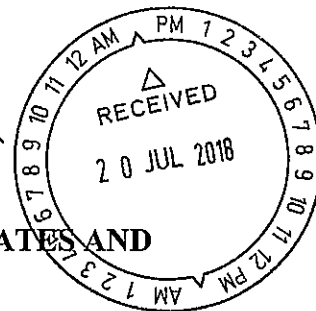


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Supplementary Information

Department of Jobs, Tourism Science and Innovation

Hon DIANE EVERS asked:

In relation to the New Industries Fund:

1) There seems to be a missing \$1.5 million from the original announcement of \$16.7 million.

Answer:

An amount from the New Industries Fund has been repositioned in this budget from Grants into Salaries and other expenses to reflect the administration needs of the Fund.

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Hon PETER COLLIER asked:

In relation to West Australia business visitor numbers:

- 2) Why do the Fast Facts show a 20.3 per cent increase and yet Tourism Research Australia shows there has been a 19.2 per cent decrease?

Answer:

Tourism WA's Domestic Visitation Fast Facts (Fast Facts) reports on interstate overnight visitors, intrastate overnight visitors, and intrastate daytrips in Western Australia. The report provides visitation estimates during a 12 month period (i.e. year ending March 2018 covers the 12 months from April 2017 to March 2018), and the percentage growth or decline from the previous 12 month period. All data is sourced from Tourism Research Australia's National Visitor Survey.

The 20.3 per cent increase in business visitors in Fast Facts for the year ending March 2018 is the result for interstate overnight visitors specifically. The number of interstate business visitors to WA increased 20.3 per cent from 545 000 in year ended (YE) March 2017 to 656 000 in YE March 2018.

The 19.2 per cent decrease in business day visitors reported by Tourism Research Australia is for daytrip visitors only, not overnight visitors. Fast Facts reports a 19.4 per cent decrease in intrastate business daytrip visitors in YE March 2018. The discrepancy between the two reports of 0.2 per cent is due to the fact Tourism Research Australia includes both interstate and intrastate daytrip visitors, while Tourism WA reports on intrastate daytrip visitors only (given interstate daytrip visitors are rare for Western Australia).

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Hon JACQUI BOYLE asked:


In relation to the reporting of Job numbers:

- 3) On page 174, under the heading “Significant Issues Impacting the Agency”, the first dot point states that the department is responsible for creating jobs. What reporting mechanisms are you using to ensure that you track how many jobs are being created? How often does the department report to the minister on job creation? Are they being recorded in regional Western Australia?

Answer:

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation publishes on the Internet (<http://www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/economic-development/advise-on-economic-policy/economic-profile>) a Western Australian Economic Profile each month. Among other economic data, it includes monthly full-time and part-time employment data, quarterly industry sector employment, the participation rate and quarterly job vacancy data, monthly unemployment rate and quarterly underutilisation rate. For the regions, it includes employment and unemployment numbers and the unemployment rate by region.

This Economic Profile is also provided to the Premier’s office each month, and circulated within the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation and to a circulation list.

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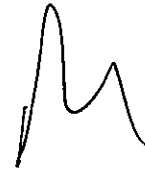
Hon TIM CLIFFORD asked:

In relation to Innovation Vouchers:

- 4) How many in total will be allocated to Start IT Up WA Challenge; and what criteria will the government use to determine which industries will benefit from the investment?

Answer:

The Start It Up WA Challenge is under review, and a final decision on whether it will proceed will be made in the coming months.

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