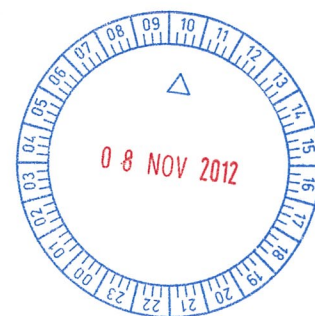


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION No C1: HON KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED -

I still would not mind getting as of today's date – unless there is a better date that you can suggest – where those 182 that you had were allocated and where you currently have staff allocated.

Answer:

The following table shows the Department of State Development's approved staff numbers (FTE) and current staff numbers.

Division	Approved (FTE)	Current (FTE)
Strategic Policy Division	19	18
State Initiatives Division	45	41
Resource Industry Development Division	88	84
Corporate Services (incl Legal and office of Director General)	30	27
Total	182	170

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION No C2: HON KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED -

I refer to page 35. I notice that in your graph on that page, some projects have an original, revised and actual budget, and some have only part of that information. For instance, for Ord irrigation, you do not have the actual result. Can you explain to me why that varies?

Could you take that on notice and provide us with an answer in due course; and if there is a figure that attaches to that but does not seem to be shown, could you provide that as well?

Answer:

The graph on page 35 of the Annual Report shows the 2011/12 financial results for Departmental projects with the vertical bars reporting the original budget, the revised budget and the actual expenditure for the year. No bar appearing on the graph for a particular project signifies that the result for that particular budget or result category is zero.

In the quoted example of the Ord Irrigation Project on page 35, the Department retained a small amount of recurrent funding to undertake minor studies which did not eventuate during the year. The responsibility for funding the major elements of the Ord Irrigation Project were transferred from the Department of State Development to the Department of the Regional Development and Lands during the year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION No C3: HON GIZ WATSON MLC ASKED -

I was going to ask a question about Perdaman's proposal as well. Is the access to a water allocation resolved for that project? I understood there was still some discussion about the water source for that proposal.

Answer:

Perdaman has arrangements in place with the Department of Water for water supply to the project and with Verve Energy for the disposal of saline water.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION No C4: HON KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED -

Can we get a breakdown, if you have it here, of that \$91 million?

Answer:

The major elements that make up the \$91 million increase in cost for the Ord Irrigation project are as follows:

- Costs of approximately \$40 million due to delays in obtaining Commonwealth environmental approvals, a large wet season in 2010/11 and the decision to extend the construction timeframe to maximise indigenous employment, more specifically:
 - \$21 million for construction escalation associated with delayed approvals and subsequent project delivery;
 - \$3 million for the 2010/11 wet season which required higher ramp up costs due to shorter construction period; and
 - \$16 million for the extended construction period.
- An estimated \$47 million additional design changes to 'future proof' the project and accommodate future expansion within the Knox Plain area, including the potential expansion into the Northern Territory. The estimated costs are comprised of:
 - \$30 million to build the new M2 channel to accommodate additional expansions;
 - \$2 million due diligence investigations for the planned growth areas;
 - \$10 million increasing the capacity of the workers accommodation;
 - \$4 million to widen the M1 channel to support the development, and
 - \$1 million maintenance to assets prior to handover.
- An estimated \$4 million required to meet the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act conditions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION NO C5: HON KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED -

Just very quickly, on page 42 I noticed your list of advertising expenditure. I was just wondering if you could tell us what those amounts for Roxby Media, DNA India and The Indian Express were related to ... All right. If you are taking it on notice, if you can tell us what it was for, if it related to any particular projects and where the advertising appeared.

Answer:

Supplier	Amount	Activity
Roxby Media	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full colour advert in "Australia - China Beyond Tomorrow" magazine and coverage on website.
DNA India	\$4,636	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertising in Indian press to promote WA education.
The Indian Express Ltd	\$2,372	
Adcorp	\$11,176	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Press advertising advising of Ord River Irrigation Area environmental approval process.• South West Times recruitment advertisement.• Broome press advertising for Browse LNG project community updates.