



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

2018-19 BUDGET ESTIMATES – QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARINGS

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

The Committee asked:

- 1) What are some of the implications for your agency from the Commonwealth Budget released on 8 May 2018?

Answer.

The Commonwealth Budget released on 8 May 2018 contained funding for water, hospital, rail and road projects, including METRONET. Greater investment in infrastructure, such as transport, housing and social infrastructure is essential for accommodating the forecast population growth in the State.

Negotiations will occur over the next 12 months between the Federal and Western Australian Governments on a Perth City Deal.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage receives annual funding from the Commonwealth Budget of \$166K for the Indian Ocean Territories.

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Hon Tim Clifford MLC asked:

1) I note that on the Outcomes and Key Effectiveness Indicators Table on page 594, Budget Paper 2, Volume 2 regarding the percentage of Local Planning Scheme (LPS) amendments processed by the Department under delegated authority and submitted to the Minister within the statutory timeframe, 29% of Standard applications met the timeframe. In relation to this will the Minister please provide.

a) The number of FTE assigned to processing these applications?

Answer. 28 FTE

b) How many matters went to hearing?

Answer: Nil. Local Planning Scheme Amendments including those classified as 'Standard Amendments' are not subject to an appeal or hearings process

c) How many matters went to a mediated hearing?

Answer. Refer to b)

d) What is the percentage of matters being withdrawn as a result of mediation?

Answer Refer to b)

e) What number of FTE are assigned to dealing with SAT hearings?

Answer. 5 FTE

f) Does the Minister have any plans to change resourcing for supporting SAT hearings?

Answer No

2) I refer to the 127 FTE lost from WA Land Information and Heritage services detailed in Budget Paper 2, Volume 2 as set out in Tables on pages 596-602.

a) Could the Minister please provide a list of JDF of positions being cut from disability services?

Answer. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) does not have a role in the delivery of disability services. Referring to the reductions in FTEs as set out in Tables on pages 596-602, the DPLH is unable to verify the figure of 127 FTEs. The total FTE reduction as set out in Tables on pages 596 – 602 is as follows:

- From the 2017-18 Budget to the 2018-19 Budget Target: FTE reduced from 865 to 747, a drop of 118
- From the 2017-18 Estimated Actual to the 2018-19 Budget Target: FTE reduction from 847 to 747, a drop of 100

The DPLH does not have a service referred to as "Land Information Services". However, it does have a service referred to as "Integrated Land and Infrastructure Policy Development".

- b) If specific information is not available to respond to (a), will the Minister outline the general roles and duties of the land and heritage services FTE to be cut?

Answer: It is not anticipated that the roles and duties of the land and heritage services will be cut

The FTE reductions between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 mainly relates to:

- Machinery of Government transfers to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet – 14 FTE
- Voluntary Targeted Severance Scheme – 61 FTE

The DPLH is currently rebalancing its workforce to ensure services, statutory responsibilities and government priorities are delivered

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Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

1) I refer to page 609 of Budget paper 2 v2 and the Administered transactions table:

a) Does the sale of land revenue include the proceeds for the sale of any camp schools?

Answer. No former or current camp schools are included in the land sale revenue budget.

b) If yes to a) which camp schools does it include?

N/A.

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