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Public Utilities Office

Question 1:

I refer to page 458 and the reconciliation relating to major functional transfers and accounting policy changes and I ask the Minister to provide a detailed breakdown of the \$33.468m used to transfer the Office of Energy to the newly created Department of Finance, public Utilities Office?

Answer:

The amount of \$33.468 million recorded on page 458 relates to the estimated actual total cost of service of the Office of Energy at 31 March 2012. It is not the cost to transfer the Office of Energy to the Department of Finance's Public Utilities Office. The breakdown of the estimated total cost of services for the Office of Energy is detailed below.

	9 months ending 31/03/2012
Expenses	\$000
Employee benefits expense	6,510
Supplies and services	4,658
Depreciation and amortisation expense	90
Accommodation expenses	620
Grants and subsidies	21,500
Other expenses	90
Total cost of services	<hr/> \$33,468 <hr/>

Question 2:

I refer to page 450 and the total cost of services and I ask the Minister to provide the following information;

What is the total cost of staff for the following utilities;

- (a) Western power;*
- (b) Synergy;*
- (c) Verve;*
- (d) Horizon Power?*

Answer:

- (a) \$337.89 million*
- (b) \$45.57 million*
- (c) \$98.78 million*
- (d) \$55.5 million*

These figures include wages and salaries, superannuation and redundancy payments.



Question 3: What was the total workforce in full time equivalents and how many apprentices and trainees were employed for the last financial year in the following utilities;

(a) Western power:

(b) Synergy;

(c) Verve;

(d) Horizon Power?

Answer:

(a) Total FTE: 3216.5

Trainees: 93.0

Apprentices: 111.0

Graduate: 35.4

(b) Total FTE: 379

26 participants have been enrolled the Certificate III in customer contact. Only 1 has completed the qualifications as it is a 12 month program.

(c) Total FTE: 575

Trainees: 13

Apprentices: 22

Graduates: 7

(d) Total FTE: 454.3

Apprentices and trainees: 40

