

STANDING COMMITTEE on ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Monday, 27 July 2009

Minister for Heritage

Question No. 1: *Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich MLC asked –*

1. *I refer to the Government's aspiration for savings of 7.6 billion over five years across government as outlined on page 13 of the budget overview and ask –*
 - 1.1 *Is your agency redirecting any capital works expenditure – if so can you provide details including the value?*
 - 1.2 *Is the agency selling surplus government land and/or assets and if so can you provide a list of land and/or assets earmarked for sale?*
 - 1.3 *Is the agency proposing to privatise any of its function or contract out any of its services – if so which ones?*
 - 1.4 *Is the agency intending to reduce staff numbers over the next 4 years and if so what ceiling has the agency set and how many staff will be shed over the forward estimates?*
 - 1.5 *Is the agency aware of the government's new responsible public sector wages policy – is so, what is it?*
 - 1.6 *What Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) are anticipated to be entered into by the agency over the forward estimates?*

Answer:

- 1.1 No. Not applicable.
- 1.2 No. Not applicable.
- 1.3 No. Not applicable.
- 1.4 There are no current plans to reduce staff numbers.
- 1.5 Yes, a policy that establishes the general bargaining framework that is to apply for all public sector wage negotiations.
- 1.6 No opportunities to enter into PPP's have been identified at this time.



2. *I refer to page 841 of the Budget –*

2.1 *Are you aware of a one off definitional change between Capital Works Program and Asset Investment Program?*

2.2 *Do you know why the definition was changed and the reason for it?*

2.3 *What do you understand the difference between the Capital Works Program and Asset Investment Program to mean?*

2.4 *What programs have been deleted from the Capital Works Program published in the 2008-09 budgets and the Asset Investment Program published in the 2009-10 budgets due to the change of definition of Capital – could you provide examples?*

2.5 *Please provide the full list of projects that have been deleted?*

2.6 *What is the status of those deleted programs, are they being reconsidered or abandoned, and by what process is this being done?*

Answer:

2.1 Yes.

2.2 No.

2.3 The Asset Investment Program is to be comprised solely of fixed asset purchases that meet capitalisation thresholds. The Capital Works Program previously included capitalised and non-capitalised items.

2.4 Items deleted from the Asset Investment Program in 2009/10 previously shown under the Capital Works Program of 2008/09 include the annual Heritage Grants Program and the one-off funding towards the Carnarvon Jetty Restoration.

2.5 The full list of projects of completed and new works appearing in the 2008/09 budget that have been deleted:

- Heritage Grants Program 2007-08;
- Maley's Bridge Restoration, Greenough;
- Office fit-out Replacement;
- Carnarvon Jetty Restoration; and
- Heritage Grants Program 2008-09

2.6 The deleted programs are still funded, but not as capital works.



Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

3. *As of the last date you reported to Treasury on your finances:*
- 3.1 *Can you please identify all accounts held by your agency?*
 - 3.2 *How much cash is held in each of these accounts?*
 - 3.3 *How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?*
 - 3.4 *As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?*

Answer:

- 3.1 The Heritage Council of Western Australia holds one account, being the Heritage Council WA Operating Account, account number 6040 1340 0019, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Western Australia Government Banking Centre.
 - 3.2 As at 30 June 2009 the amount held in the account was \$2,853,262.72.
 - 3.3 The full amount is restricted or subject to approval or control.
 - 3.4 45%.
4. *As of the last date you internally monitored each account your agency has:*
- 4.1 *How much cash is held in each of these accounts?*
 - 4.2 *How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?*
 - 4.3 *As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?*

Answer:

- 4.1 As at 31 July 2009 the amount held in the account was \$2,866,035.89.
- 4.2 The full amount is restricted or subject to approval or control.
- 4.3 56%.



5. Please provide, for each question below, for each account held by your agency the figures as of 30 June 2009?

5.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?

5.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?

5.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

5.1 \$2,853,262.72.

5.2 The full amount is restricted or subject to approval or control.

5.3 45%.

6. For the following categories –

i) Media and Marketing;

ii) Advertising; and

iii) Consultants.

6.1 Please provide how much was spent on the above in the 07/08 and 08/09 financial years.

6.2 How much is budgeted to be spent in each area in the 09/10 financial year?

6.3 Can you please define what activities you include in each of these areas?

6.4 Are there any activities that could be included in the ordinary meaning of the words that are not included in the above figures and yes, please detail?

Answer:

6.1	2007/08	2008/09
i. Media and Marketing	\$400,880	\$414,248
ii. Advertising	\$19,296	\$30,779
iii. Consultants	Nil	Nil

6.2	2009/10
i. Media and Marketing	\$381,000
ii. Advertising	\$20,000
iii. Consultants	Nil

6.3 Media and Marketing includes:

- Salaries, Wages and Allowances and leave entitlements, superannuation for Communications and Marketing staff.
- Publications (eg, Information brochures, *Heritage Matters* newsletter, annual report etc) – including graphic design, photography and printing.
- Professional development, seminars
- Regional visit.
- Heritage awards
- Media monitoring
- Heritage tourism strategy.

Advertising includes:

- Statutory advertising under the Heritage of Western Australia Act.

Consultants includes:

- Consultants that provide strategic advice for government.

6.4 Not to our knowledge.



