



ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS - QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARINGS

Disability Services Commission

Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC asked:

- 1) Page 8 of the Annual report highlights the NDIS in WA Conversation: Please outline what people with disability, their families and carers said they required from a NDIS in WA.

Answer:

Information collected during the NDIS in WA Conversation event from people with disability, their families and carers emphasised that they require the following from the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia:

- A system and structure that is culturally safe, flexible, person-centred and responsive to an individual's different needs, and complements other sources of government support and funding.
- Supports and services that are flexible, tailored to specific groups of people to avoid exclusion and discrimination and available despite a person's geographic location, and sustainably support people with disability, their families and carers.
- Staff employed within the disability sector to have relevant knowledge, to consistently apply rules and standards, and be respectful and empathic.

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2) Page 3 refers to the total number of people supported as being 26,090 and total budget being \$933.42 million:

a) Please provide a region-by-region breakdown of the number of people supported.

Answer:

Region*	Number of people supported
Gascoyne	43
Goldfields Esperance	386
Great Southern	602
Kimberley	303
Metropolitan (incl. Mandurah, Serpentine-Jarrahdale)	14,546
Midwest	353
Peel	1,075
Pilbara	354
South West	2,155
Wheatbelt	568
Missing address data	5,705
Total	26,090

* Regions are as defined by the Regional Development Act 1993

b) Please provide a region-by-region breakdown of the respective budget allocation.

Answer:

Region*	Expenditure (\$)
Gascoyne	924,072
Goldfields-Esperance	11,599,424
Great Southern	22,186,133
Kimberley	8,691,359
Metropolitan (incl. Mandurah, Serpentine-Jarrahdale)	763,837,233
Midwest	10,488,831
Peel	33,859,632
Pilbara	6,359,217
South West	61,332,242
Wheatbelt	14,145,856
Total	933,424,000

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3) Page 6 of the annual report states that in April 2017 the Machinery of Government changes announced by the State Government foreshadowed the creation of a new Department of Communities, which incorporated the Disability Services Commission.

a) Please provide the total number of employees (and FTE) working in regional Western Australia and a region-by-region breakdown of employee locations as at 30 June 2017.

Answer:

Region*	Employees	FTE
Gascoyne	1	1
Goldfields-Esperance	10	8
Great Southern	15	12
Kimberley	9	8.5
Midwest	7	6.6
Peel	5	5
Pilbara	10	9.2
South West	51	47.69
Wheatbelt	17	13.08
Total	125	111.07

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b) Please provide the total number of employees (and FTE) working in regional Western Australia and a region-by-region breakdown of employee locations as at December 2017.

Answer:

Region*	Employees	FTE
Gascoyne	1	1
Goldfields-Esperance	10	8
Great Southern	15	12
Kimberley	9	8.5
Midwest	7	6.6
Peel	5	5
Pilbara	10	9.2
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- c) Please provide a region-by region breakdown of the total number of positions required to be cut by the Disability Services Commission as part of the State Government's Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme.

Answer:

The Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme (VTSS) is a Budget repair tool to assist agencies in meeting Machinery of Government (MoG) savings resulting from the amalgamation of a number of government departments as well as assist in achieving workforce renewal by enabling agencies to retain 20% of the savings. The VTSS is open to all general government employees, though priority is being given to agencies impacted by the MoG changes (which took effect from 1 July 2017).

While the reductions will vary between agencies depending on factors like MoG changes, the size and role of individual agencies and other impacts, all agencies are expected to contribute in order to meet the overall reduction target of 3,000 employees across the Public Sector. Targets relating to the former Disability Services Commission staff will be considered as part of the broader Department of Communities' VTSS decision making process. This allows the agency to identify and respond to duplication of services across all divisions, whilst ensuring front line services are not impacted.

Agencies are currently working with the Public Sector Commission to progress the scheme via individual expression of interest (EOI) processes. The agency EOIs are currently at various stages, with all exits expected to occur by 31 March 2018. Progress will be reported to Cabinet during the 2018-19 Budget process, with the aim of achieving the 3,000 separations and reflecting the actual savings and costs from the VTSS in the 2018-19 Budget.