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OF THE

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES
AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

IN RELATION TO THE

1993-94 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Presented by the Hon Murray Montgomery (Chairman)

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The Standing Committee was established on December 21 1989 with the following terms of reference:

1. There is hereby appointed a Standing Committee to be known as the *Estimates and Financial Operations Committee*.
2. The committee consists of 5 members.
3. The functions of the Committee are to consider and report on:
 - (a) the estimates of expenditure laid before the Council each year; and
 - (b) any matter relating to the financial administration of the State.
4. The committee shall report on the estimates referred under clause 3 by or within one sitting day of the day on which the second reading of the *Appropriation (Consolidated Revenue Fund) Bill* is moved.
5. For the purposes of clause 3(a), the House may appoint not more than 6 members at any stage of its examination.
6. A reference in clause 3 to "estimates of expenditure" includes continuing appropriations, however expressed, that do not require annual appropriations.
7. The committee may initiate investigations under clause 3(b) without prejudice to the right of the Council to refer any such matter.

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- First Report: 1990-91 Budget Estimates - November 1990
- Second Report: 1991-92 Budget Estimates - November 1991
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

The following changes were reflected in the Estimates considered by the Committee this year. It is the Committee's intention to become fully conversant with the impact of these changes and monitor the extent of the improvements anticipated by the changes.

Financial Administration Legislation Amendment Act 1993

The Financial Administration Legislation Amendment Act 1993:

- abolished the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the General Loan and Capital Works Fund and replaced them with a single Consolidated Fund;
- introduced net appropriations;
- provides for the incorporation of hypothecated revenue into the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure.

One of the means of ensuring that Parliament meets annually is the need for the Government to obtain supply. Public money cannot be withdrawn and spent without parliamentary authority.

Of some significance for the Legislative Council arising from the creation of a single, Consolidated Fund, is the resulting necessity for two primary annual Appropriation Bills, one dealing with recurrent expenditure and the other with capital expenditure.

The reason for the two Bills is section 46 of the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* which governs the procedural aspects of the relationship between the Houses as their powers relating to bills appropriating revenue and imposing taxation.¹

The Legislative Council may not amend a bill "for the ordinary annual services of the Government". Two issues derive from this provision. First, defining what constitutes the ordinary annual services of the Government and, second, the powers of amendment possessed by the Council over bills appropriating revenue that are not for those services.

Recurrent and Capital Expenditure

There is danger in attempting to be too precise about the appropriations included within this expression. However, it seems to the Committee that, by inference if nothing else, "ordinary" connotes "usual" or "anticipated" or "recurring". In a negative sense, "ordinary" is the opposite of "extraordinary", "unexpected", or "unusual", or "new".

¹ Section 46 is non-justiciable with the result that a bill enacted in contravention of the section is still valid and not open to a judicial declaration of invalidity. To that extent, the section's provisions are procedural rather than substantive.

Contextually, "annual services" (of the Government) means the programs and policies and the manner and form of their delivery that depend for their continuation on funds being provided by Parliament.

It is probably easier to decide what is not caught by the expression, a path that seems to have been adopted by the Government in its treatment of "recurrent" versus "capital" expenditure. The latter appears intended to encompass such matters as new policy and one-off expenditures.

The Committee does not intend to adopt any particular interpretation of "the ordinary annual services" but reserves its ability to raise questions about, or objections to, any particular item that appears to be wrongly classified under this head. The Committee also accepts that the new approach will present difficulties of classification for the Government and these will need to be talked through before both Parliament and Government are reasonably satisfied about the types of precedents established.

As stated previously, the reason for two Appropriation Bills from the Consolidated Fund lies in the inability of the Council to amend a bill for the ordinary annual services of the Government. A bill appropriating revenue not for those services is open to amendment, a claim reiterated by the Council from time to time when the issue has been raised between the Houses. The point is recognised in section 46(6) itself which requires appropriations for the ordinary annual services to be contained in a separate bill.

Under the previous arrangement, it was presumed that the *Appropriation (Consolidated Revenue Fund) Bill* dealt with the ordinary annual services and the *Appropriation (General Loan and Capital Works Fund) Bill* covered the balance. That presumption, following the creation of a single Consolidated Fund, no longer holds good.

It is clear that from 1993/94, new policy will need to be included in the "No. 2" Bill thus enabling the Legislative Council to amend new policy appropriations.

It is not this Committee's role to pronounce on the merits of outright amendment *vis-a-vis* requested amendment; that is a matter for the Council to decide. The Committee is bound to comply with the law and custom as it finds it and give effect to it. For that reason, the Committee will ask, as a matter of course, departments and agencies to identify new policy and the source of funding for new policy in the expectation that the source in each case will be the No. 2 Bill.

The Effect of Change

It is the Committee's intention to further familiarise itself with the changes arising from the amendments to the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985* and the impact that they can be expected to have on the fiscal cycle, the presentation of accounts and financial statements, and the transparency of financial information provided to Parliament.

The Government's announcement that all departments and remaining agencies will move to presentation of accounts on an accrual accounting basis by 1996 also has implications for this Committee and the way in which it approaches its examination of the Estimates.

PART 2

PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR THE HEARINGS

The Committee adopted a similar format to that used for consideration of the 1992/93 Budget Estimates. Briefly, the procedure adopted was:

1. A schedule (Appendix 1) was developed by the Committee from a list of departments and agencies. A wide range of agencies, both large and small, were reviewed. (Most agencies with estimated budget expenditure in excess of \$30m were included.) Because the Committee was not formed until August and as the Budget was not delivered until September 16 1993, time did not permit for the schedule to be circulated to all Members of the Legislative Council for comment prior to final endorsement by the Committee.
2. The Committee continued the practice adopted last year and met as a "full Committee", rather than dividing into subcommittees. This enabled Committee Members to hear and consider each of the departments and agencies reviewed.
3. The Chamber of the House was used as the venue for the hearings to encourage all Members to participate (and to assist Hansard).
4. Last year's hearings were held over four consecutive days. This year, the hearings were extended to five days broken into two separate periods (2 days, then 3 days) two weeks apart. This allowed Members a better opportunity for research and scrutiny of each vote prior to the Ministers and Chief Executive Officers coming before the Committee.
5. Advertisements, calling for submissions from the public on Government spending appeared in the local press. A copy of the advertisement is attached as Appendix 2.
6. Again, Ministers were encouraged to allow the departmental representatives to answer questions relating to operational and financial matters directly, and for the Minister to answer specific questions on policy (as provided in Standing Order 359).
7. As occurred in previous estimates hearings, questions were taken on notice where more information or additional clarification was required. It was resolved that responses to questions on notice were required to be provided to the Advisory/Research Officer within 24 hours or as soon as possible thereafter.

PART 3

GENERAL COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Overall the Committee feels that the hearings were successful and went smoothly. The following brief comments are for consideration next year.

1. As a general rule the Chief Executive Officers and departmental representatives now seem familiar with the procedures adopted for the estimates hearings. They appear co-operative and open when responding to questions. However, next year consideration should be given to providing departmental representatives with an outline of procedures to be followed at the hearings. This will be of particular benefit to those departmental representatives who have not previously attended estimates hearings.
2. The use of the Chamber of the House and the Committee meeting as a "full Committee" was successful. General attendance at hearings was good with an average of seven members being in attendance in addition to the Committee Members.
3. Some difficulties were experienced with respect to questions on notice. These difficulties related to the delay in provision of answers to questions on notice and administrative difficulties with respect to "generic" questions asked of each department/agency either at the hearings or prior to the hearings. To avoid such difficulties in future years the Committee proposes to circulate clear guidelines to cover these issues. These guidelines will be made available to members in advance of the hearings.
4. When questions are taken on notice, the time frame for the return of answers should be made clear to the Minister and the need for promptness in supplying answers should be stressed.
5. With regard to supplementary questions, the Chairperson needs to insist that questions be directed through the Chair to avoid conversations between the questioner, the Minister and departmental officers.
6. Public response to advertisements placed in the West Australian and the Sunday Times was good, particularly when compared to previous years. In the coming months the Committee proposes to take the action it considers appropriate with respect to each submission.
7. The Committee should take into consideration "issues of the day" (eg. Mabo, wool market, workers compensation, juvenile justice etc.) when deciding which departments/agencies should be reviewed at the hearings.
8. When making the time allocation for those departments/agencies chosen for review next year, the Committee will be mindful of those departments/agencies reviewed this year for which the time allocated was insufficient.
9. Departments and agencies appearing before the Committee should anticipate that they will be required to explain any significant differences between actual figures as shown in the program statements for the previous year, and the figures shown in their annual reports for that year. Likewise, as departments and agencies change to accrual accounting, they should be in a position to explain changes in their annual reports and equate those changes to the program statements.

PART 4

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES REVIEWED - GENERAL COMMENTS

Over the course of the 5 day program the Committee met with 53 separate departments and agencies. Brief comments of the major issues and subjects raised are outlined below. For further information refer to Hansard (*Edition: Council Estimates Committee 29 September to 20 October 1993*).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 1993

Ministry of Premier and Cabinet (*Hansard p1*)

- There are two major new initiatives for the year, being the Graffiti Task Force and Aboriginal Social Justice Task Force.
- The Office of Public Sector Management has been transferred to the Ministry as well as certain overseas offices previously operated by the Department of State Services.
- \$1m has been allocated for Mabo co-ordination. This includes 2 FTEs, the balance relates to consulting fees and other costs.
- Thirty-five redeployees resulted from the restructure of the Ministry. It is expected that the majority of these redeployees will be placed in permanent positions during this financial year.

Parliament - Legislative Council (*Hansard p8*)

- The Council hopes to produce an annual report in the future.
- The President's entertainment allowance is \$12 000 and is used for entertaining local and overseas visitors to the Council. Although \$12 000 was allocated last year, only \$4 000 was spent.
- Staff travel expenses amounted to \$24 060 for the past financial year.
- The Department is now required to pay fringe benefits tax on parking provided to Members (excluding Ministers) and staff at the rate of approximately \$2.50 per day per person.
- Training is provided to Members and staff. A total of \$11 282 was spent on training last year. The Budget for this year is \$3 796.
- The Clerk requested Members to inform him of their training needs both generally and with respect to information technology.
- After a number of years of the need for refurbishment of the Parliament, a start was made by spending \$36 180 on the refurbishment of the President's and the northern corridors.

Bush Fires Board (*Hansard p14*)

- Major issues for the coming year concern communications and the allocation of new radio frequencies, standards of fire cover development, equipment needs and training for volunteers.
- Some decentralisation has occurred to the eight country regions (Kimberley, Pilbara/Gascoyne, Central West, Swan, Central, South-West, Great Southern and Pastoral).
- Capital works for the year relate to the upgrade of the outer metropolitan Swan regional office (\$20 000) and Bandplan and communication upgrades (\$1 300 000).
- Subject to Cabinet approval, the Board proposes to embark on a \$20m fire fighting appliances upgrade over a 5 year period. The equipment will be substantially Western Australian made.
- The increase in plantations in the south west is causing concern because of the lack of local authority resources to maintain standard fire cover for new developments. The Board recognises the problem and is identifying the needs. It hopes to gain the co-operation of other resources which include those of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, Water Authority of Western Australia and private plantation owners.
- The provision of adequate protective clothing to volunteers by local authorities is a concern to the Board. The Board has adopted guidelines in this regard and is encouraging local authorities to adopt similar guidelines.

Department of Minerals and Energy (*Hansard p19*)

- The increase in the Budget relates to ongoing capital funding for the Chemistry Centre at Bentley. \$500 000 has been allocated for water exploration and a substantial amount has been set aside for upgrading the Tengraph (Tenement Graphics) computer system. This system enables on-line access by Mining Companies to the Department's records of ownership and status of mining tenements.
- A mines occupational safety review board has been established to review occupational safety in the mining industry. It is anticipated that new legislation will be before Parliament by mid 1994.
- More mining activity is expected during 1993/94 but the Department does not expect to increase mining inspectorate staff. The policy of the Department is to place more onus on operators for maintaining safety. This is done through safety committees and a systems approach.

Department of Land Administration - "DOLA" (Hansard p26)

- The Department's joint venture with the Vietnamese Government is still developing as a feasibility study on a project basis. (The project is being jointly funded by the State, the United Nations Development Program and the Vietnamese Government. The Vietnamese contribution is by the provision of services and not by capital outlay.) As yet, there is no return to the State.
- One of the Department's major planned achievements for 1992/93 is to assist the Government in developing a strategy for the High Court's Mabo decision. However, no staff members are working full-time on this project and no specific funding provision has been made in the Budget.
- The Department's relocation to Midland is now complete. A 'shop-front' office has been retained in the Central Business District for receiving lodgements and servicing the conveyancing industry. Ten FTEs are deployed in this office.

Department of Agriculture (Hansard p30)

- It appears from the estimates that the expenditure for the Department will decrease significantly in the coming year. This is because much of the expected industry funding had not been determined by the time of the preparation of the Budget papers. The Budget includes only that industry funding which has been approved prior to the preparation of the Budget estimates. Actual funding will be considerably more.
- The industry funding pool has decreased but the Department's ability to compete for funds has improved and it is expected that overall industry funding levels will be maintained.
- Five new cereal varieties (3 wheat, 1 oat and 1 barley) are soon to be released to commercial growers. Each new cereal has significant attributes over existing varieties.
- \$176 000 is to be expended in testing the market for new apple varieties and superior stone fruit. The new apple varieties are Gala, Pink Lady and Sundowner.

Agriculture Protection Board - "APB" (Hansard p36)

- Three programs have impacted on the Board's operations over the past few years and will continue to do so in the coming years, these are:
 - co-operative work with the Western Australian Quarantine Inspection Service;
 - codling moth eradication program in Bridgetown; and
 - Kochia weed eradication program.
- Concern was expressed by Members at the apparent ease that people can come into the State without passing through the Northern Quarantine checkpoint. This Checkpoint is the joint responsibility of the APB and the Western Australian Quarantine Inspection Service.

Fisheries Department (*Hansard p39*)

- Major planned achievements for 1993/94 include:
 - refining specific management measures to control the exploitation of the rock lobster industry; and
 - introduction of a new Fisheries Act.
- Research on Big Bank fishing, north of the Abrolhos, is to continue.
- A trust account funded from monies raised from recreational fishing licenses is to be established and used to fund recreational fisheries management.

Ministry of Education (*Hansard p46*)

- The Ministry's Budget for the year has increased by 4.2% and includes provision for an extra 356 teachers.
- Western Australia is the only State in Australia with a growing student population.
- The full-time five year old program, which is a significant user of funds, will not be extended in 1993/94 Budget.
- Approximately 600 classrooms in the State are not being utilised (because they are located in areas where the numbers of school-age children have fallen significantly). The solution is to either bus children to those classrooms or close them down and use the assets realised to build new schools where children are located.
- The Ministry is considering introducing a competitive tendering system for school bus contractors in country areas as a cost saving measure and to improve efficiency.
- The Budget papers show capital works expenditure of \$91m for 1993/94. However, when the secondary refurbishment element, the low interest loan for non-government schools and works payable from the insurance fund (these three items were not included in the Ministry's Budget in previous years) are excluded, the capital works program for 1993/94 is actually \$75m.
- No separate allocation has been made in this year's Budget for the asbestos roof encasement program. Any necessary work will be funded from the \$500 000 contingency vote.
- Major planned achievements for 1993/94 includes the transition of two metropolitan high schools (Cyril Jackson and North Lake) to senior campus status.
- The Government has decided to establish an office of non-government education but has not yet finalised details of how this office will be organised. It will, however, be cost neutral.

Ministry of Justice (*Hansard p67*)

- Three principles stand behind the formation of the new Ministry:
 - the co-ordination of agencies which need to work together more closely than in the past;
 - the focusing on an increased customer base to the community so as to improve the delivery of justice to such groups as victims, women and aboriginal people; and
 - the provision of increased opportunity for efficiencies, particularly in the support areas of corporate services. The expected savings are not as yet apparent.
- The Ministry has only recently been established and is therefore still developing its strategies.
- Juvenile justice community-based offices will be reduced to 16 locations in the country. The Department for Community Development previously covered 32 locations. Sessional workers will be used to cover those locations previously covered by the Department of Community Development (and which do not now have a full-time officer).
- Victims' services are to be expanded particularly with regard to ensuring that victims have the opportunity to express their views to the Courts and the Parole Board. Legislative initiatives are also planned to establish victims' rights. The formation of a Victims Advisory Committee is proposed.
- The Ministry is working at reducing the imbalance of Aboriginal prisoners in the prison system by a number of strategies, including a program of community detention by Aboriginal communities.
- A study is being undertaken for the development of a brief for the replacement of both the Riverbank and Longmore juvenile detention complexes.
- A 'user-pay system' for charging Government departments/agencies for work done on their behalf by the Crown Solicitor's Office is to be introduced.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions - "DPP" (*Hansard p80*)

- All prosecutorial staff transferred from the former Crown Law Department are now directly responsible to DPP and have no residual responsibility to the Crown Solicitor's Office. Thirteen staff were transferred (11 legal officers and 2 administration officers).
- The increase in revenue (from \$190 000 to \$500 000) is to be derived from the *Crimes (Confiscation of Profits) Act 1988* and the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981*.
- Information technology has been introduced to assist the Office in maintaining control over core work. This is working efficiently. Technology is being extended to enhance the information available to prosecutorial staff and to match the computer assisted litigation support at the disposal of defendants.
- The Office has adopted policy that no case should be briefed outside the Office because of difficulty. Only the overflow of work should be briefed.

Department of Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare - "DOHSWA" (Hansard p84)

- FTEs have been reduced to 195. Reductions in FTEs have occurred over a number of years as a result of structural efficiency measures. The main measures introduced are:
 - by access to worker's compensation data, the Department can identify trends in injury and disease and can therefore utilise its resources more effectively;
 - the abolition of the anachronistic workplace and construction site licensing provisions; and
 - the inspection of plant and equipment has been rationalised so that there is now a requirement to inspect only 3 000 to 5 000 items of plant regularly. (Prior to 1989/90, 33 000 items were inspected regularly).
- Of Western Australia's 20 000 employers, 200 (or 1%) account for 45% of lost time injuries and 500 (or 5%) account for 58%.
- Manual handling injuries is one of six priority areas identified by the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Commission for attention over the next 4 years. The Department is therefore devoting resources to promote the prevention of these types of injuries (which particularly affect women).
- A code of practice to prevent manual handling industries is now in place rather than specific regulations. The effectiveness of this new approach will be evaluated in due course.
- The reduction in work place injuries has not, as yet, resulted in comparable savings in dollar terms because of the high cost of administering the workers' compensation system. It is hoped that savings will be reflected in future years.
- A significant reduction has occurred in the rate of lost time for injury and disease. Unofficial figures show that a reduction of 21% has been achieved over the past 4 years.
- National figures do not exist that allow the proper comparison of Western Australia to other States with respect to work place injuries.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 1993

Department of Employment, Vocational Education and Training - "DEVET" (*Hansard p90*)

- With the establishment of the Australian National Training Authority, the State must maintain its funding in real terms if it is to attract commensurate Federal funding.
- Funds have been allocated for the purchase of land for a TAFE college in the Mandurah area.
- Programs for the long term unemployed are entirely funded by the Commonwealth. Some programs are aimed at those who have been unemployed for not less than 6 months and some for those unemployed for not less than 12 months.
- DEVET is looking to develop the Fleet Street Mariculture Centre at Fremantle on the basis of the significant contributions that are being made by industry.
- In taking vocational training to regional areas such as the Kimberley and central wheat belt, DEVET is developing and upgrading smaller centres in a number of locations. (This is in contrast to the traditional metropolitan strategy of building large centres). A complimentary strategy is the development of telecentres as part of video conference networking.

Country High Schools Hostel Authority (*Hansard p99*)

- The Act establishing the Authority is to be amended to change the way in which it relates to the hostels and to enable the Authority to build and operate hostels in the metropolitan area.
- The current fee for students at all the Authority's hostels is \$4 900 per annum.
- The Authority currently has 14 buses spread amongst its 8 hostels. The buses are generally replaced on a 5 year program.
- Consideration is being given by the Government to allow those hostels that operate at a surplus to become financially autonomous and retain operating surpluses. However, this is a contentious issue and the present view is that surpluses should be used to subsidise the hostels that operate at a deficiency.

Recreation Camps and Reserves Board (*Hansard p103*)

- The Board has 11 camps under its control: Ern Halliday (Sorrento); Noalimba (Bateman); Point Walter; Bickley; Tone River (Manjimup); Myalup Pines (just north of Bunbury); Wellington Mills; Lewana (Bridgetown); Woodman Point; Point Peron (Cape Peron) and Quaranup. All camps are operated by the Board, with the exception of Quaranup which is leased to independent managers.

- The Board has leased Camp Quaranup recently and is currently looking at all other camps as part of a marketing plan to establish the Government's role and the best way of ensuring that camps are made available to the community. It is expected that a submission will be made to Government by the end of the year.

Ministry of Sport and Recreation (*Hansard p105*)

- Four new FTEs have been funded by the Commonwealth for the Aboriginal sport and recreation program.
- A reduction of approximately 5% in funding this year should not have a significant impact on the Ministry's service delivery.
- At this stage, there are no proposals before the Ministry to reduce staffing in regional offices.
- The Ministry regards links with South East Asia as important and a co-operation agreement has been signed with seven countries. However, there is no planned major increase in funding in this area.

Western Australian Sports Centre Trust (*Hansard p113*)

- The fall in the Trust's FTEs of 22 is due to casual staff. Estimates of FTEs do not include casual staff. Depending on events held during the year, FTEs could well increase to a figure similar to the previous year.
- A reduction in the Trust's revenue for the year is estimated at approximately \$41 000 (or 3% - 4%).
- The Landfill Gas program is reaching the stage of final agreement. It is hoped to have Landfill Gas to the Superdrome by early 1994 with the electrical generation plant in operation by March/April 1994.
- There are no major sporting events planned for the Superdrome for 1993/94.
- As a way of increasing revenue, the Trust is looking at increasing usage of its facilities for non-sport activities.

Department for Community Development - "DCD" (*Hansard p115*)

- The Department is considering an upgrade in the staff requirements of the Adoptions Branch with the advent of the new adoptions legislation.
- The 1993/94 Department's Budget is difficult to compare with the 1992/93 Budget because "Office of the Family" has been integrated into the Family and Community Support Division and its Budget is now incorporated into the Department's overall Budget.

- . The previous emergency financial assistance program operated by the Department has been abolished and replaced with the family crisis program. Funds to the new program are allocated on a monthly basis (rather than on a six-monthly basis as was the case for the replaced system) so as to give continuity to the program.
- . The policy has been adopted to devolve more decision making to regional offices.
- . The Department is currently working with the Ministry of Education to develop a set of protocols to assist in identifying children who are being subjected to sexual abuse.
- . \$333 000 has been allocated in the Budget to six community groups to provide child sexual abuse treatment programs. A further \$39 000 has been allocated for implementation of treatment for homeless young people who have been sexually abused.
- . Youth programs have received an increase in funding of \$208 000 and there has been no reduction in any of the on-going youth service provider grants.
- . The Department regards the continuance of its policy in providing for preventative programs as essential, if the increase in the demand for the support services it provides is to be stemmed.

Office of Seniors' Interests - "OSI" (*Hansard p125*)

- . The review of the Seniors' Card has been completed and the evaluations will be discussed with the Minister in the near future.
- . The Office is having ongoing negotiations with other States for reciprocity with Seniors' Card holders - relating mainly to transport concessions.
- . Western Australia has more Seniors' Card concessions than in any other State.
- . The Budget provided funding to enable the continuance of the Seniors' Information and Referral Service.
- . The Seniors' Advisory Council has not been reappointed and the Minister is considering its future.
- . The Office is looking at ways of stimulating local research into both cause and effect of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Such research would include basic medical research as well as research on the social impact on carers.

Department of Local Government (*Hansard p128*)

- A local government professional development committee has been established to examine and promote education and training of local government staff and councillors.
- The Department has assisted the Cocos and Christmas Islands in the establishment of their local government systems. This will involve the Department in an on-going role because the Islands have adopted Western Australian local government laws.
- The Caravan Parks Bill will be introduced in the near future. The purpose of the Bill is to consolidate legislation for the control of caravan parks in a manner which reflects modern practices. It is the result of a Government enquiry into the industry and will address such issues as long term residency and the use of mobile homes in caravan parks.

Bunbury Port Authority (*Hansard p133*)

- The Authority is outside the scope of the Committee for the estimates hearings. The Minister agreed that questions would be answered on a voluntary basis.
- As from October 19 1992 the integrated port labour force agreement was introduced. All employees have now been brought under the umbrella of one union which avoids demarcation problems and allows the Authority more flexibility.
- The Authority is reviewing its port boundaries to ascertain those areas presently under its control which are not required for port operations.
- The inner harbour is being dredged. No time frame has been set for the development of the outer harbour.

Police Department (*Hansard p136*)

- The Department is considering the deployment of mounted patrols (from its existing resources) to various country towns on an "as needed" basis.
- A major achievement for 1992/93 was the conduct of a cross-cultural awareness training program. During the year, 1 800 officers from throughout the State undertook the program. This program was a post academy course designed to increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal culture and the problems affecting Aboriginal people.
- The Department proposes to establish a canine section (with 2 dogs) in 1993/94 for narcotic detection and general police purposes.
- The Department is negotiating with the Commonwealth Government for the acquisition of an aircraft under a proceeds of crime arrangement. This aircraft is currently in the possession of the Department.

- . Video facilities to record police interviews have now been installed in 38 of the 44 CIB offices. Such facilities will be installed in the remaining offices in 1993/94. They will also be installed in other selected areas such as major traffic accident offices.
- . The Minister has not yet finalised his decisions relating to the establishment of a permanent police board.
- . The corporate services section increased from 274 FTEs to 335, as a result of the police reform package introduced in March this year.

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Health Department (*Hansard p147*)

- . Concerns were expressed by Members and the Minister at the number and the treatment of nursing home type patients in country hospitals. A pilot program is being developed at Avon Valley for the provision of appropriate accommodation for permanent care hospital patients. The program needs the support of the Commonwealth and will be shown to the Federal Minister for Health as soon as the opportunity arises.
- . The continuing care program has received an increase in funding of approximately \$9m of which \$7.8m is in respect of new programs. These primarily relate to the provision of basic support services to enable frail aged and the disabled to remain living in their own homes. The focus will be on projects which provide home help, home nursing, respite care, home maintenance, and meals delivery and transport.
- . There are no ethnic specific programs within the continuing care program. However, the Department attempts to provide ethnic health workers and interpreters to ensure the cultural appropriateness of all services provided to patients.
- . A new hospital is planned for Bunbury. \$2.5m has been allocated towards this project in the 1993/94 Budget.
- . There are no major cash management problems with respect to public hospitals in Western Australia (as highlighted in the ICAC report into public hospitals in New South Wales). This is largely because of the provisions of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985* which apply in Western Australia.
- . The Minister explained that difficulties were experienced in framing the Budget because the Commonwealth set health priorities which did not necessarily coincide with the priorities of the State. Commonwealth funding is often subject to conditions as well as requirements that Commonwealth funds must be matched, at least in part, by the State.
- . The Department is in the process of considering the implications of the McCarrey Report. Privatisation or price contestability of pathology services presents particular problems.

Authority for Intellectually Handicapped Persons and Bureau for Disability Services
(Hansard p167)

- Divisions 84 and 85 were dealt with together. There is legislation (The Disability Services Bill) before the House to unite the Authority and the Bureau.
- The increase in FTEs (from 1 585 to 1 616) is a result of the full year's operation of the school age therapy services program.
- No funds have been allocated for housing in the current Budget. This program is conducted on a triennial basis and is funded by non-government sector funds.
- The decision has been made to close the Bradford Hostel in the Medina-Calista area. Myoora Hostel in the Pyrton complex at Eden Hill has been closed. The Authority plans to also close the Pindarra and Carramar Hostels in that complex but the time frame for the implementation of this decision has not yet been set.
- The Authority and the Bureau are continuing the process of deinstitutionalising people within their care. Accordingly, more resources are being allocated to family and community care support services. The cost of family care services is estimated to be approximately two-thirds of the cost of hostel care.
- The Social Advantage package which includes such programs as school age therapy and individual and family support grants is continuing.

Government Employees' Housing Authority - "GEHA" (Hansard p175)

- The total estimated expenditure of GEHA for the current year is approximately \$35m of which approximately \$21m is funded from the Consolidated Fund and the balance primarily from rental income.
- The debt of GEHA is estimated at \$176m for the acquisition of houses and units. The servicing of this debt costs \$21.590m. Approximately 90% of properties acquired by GEHA are new constructions.
- A major planned achievement for 1993/94 is to sell (to government employees) 50 existing Authority houses. The sale proceeds will be used to finance the purchase of 30 new houses. A further 20 will be acquired from borrowings.
- Approximately 20 houses are to be sold in the Bunbury/Mandurah area for an expected average sale return of between \$65 000 - \$70 000.
- GEHA increased rents by 3.5% in 1993. This will generate an extra \$350 000 in revenue.

Department of Infrastructure and Government Assets - "DIGA" (Hansard p181)

- The increase in rental costs for Government accommodation relates mainly to offices vacated by the Department of Land Administration on its transfer to Midland. At the time of the transfer, the Department was leasing a number of properties for which the lease had not yet expired.
- The Ministry of Justice is being consolidated in Westralia Square.
- It is proposed that the Fisheries Department will relocate in 1993/94 to the May Holman Centre.
- The Distance Education Office may relocate in 1993/94 but the final decision has not yet been made.

Office of Racing and Gaming (Hansard p185)

- A committee has been established to review the liquor industry and its terms of reference have been published.
- The financial inspection section of the Office will continue to concentrate on liquor licence fee evasion.
- The Office is providing 10 gaming inspectors for the Christmas Island Casino. All inspectors will be permanently appointed to the Island.
- Legislation controlling off-course betting, bookmaker betting and on-course betting is being reviewed with a view to consolidating control into one body.
- Other legislation is also being reviewed. For example, consideration is being given to the question of whether the control of the distribution of TAB funds should be transferred from the *Totalisator Agency Board Betting Act 1960* to the *Racecourse Development Act 1976*.
- PubTabs are increasing. There is no set policy on the issue of PubTab licenses, each case is dealt with on the merits.

Department of Conservation and Land Management - "CALM" (Hansard p192)

- The reduction of expenditure in the current Budget on national park estates should not have any detrimental impact on park management. Funding reductions are expected to be made good by increases in revenue from the 'user-pay' principle and business sector sponsorships as well as assistance received from voluntary community support.
- The fox eradication program has been successful and will be expanded this year. However, not a great deal of progress has been made with cat control. The Department has launched a major research program to determine the type of baits that cats will take.

- The Department has a large nursery based in Manjimup which will produce 18 000 000 trees this year. Because of concerns from the private sector, particularly small nurseries, the Department has adopted the policy that it will not compete with the private sector for small orders.
- Tree planting projects, particularly large projects, are run as separate business units fully responsible for costs and returns from each project. Returns include the earning of a profit.
- Legislation is to be introduced to protect intellectual property rights with respect to medical discoveries associated with the State's plant species.

Environmental Protection Authority - "EPA" (Hansard p197)

- The Authority's vote was reduced \$240 000. There will, however, be only a small reduction in the Authority's commitment to research.
- The environmental management of waterways has been transferred to the Waterways Commission.
- The Department of Infrastructure and Government Assets negotiated a saving in rental costs of \$270 000 in respect of the Authority's offices at Westralia Square.
- Revenue from taxes and licences has fallen by 19.6% as a result of a change in policy in the issuing of licenses. Licenses are now issued for up to a three year period where the licensee demonstrates that the same industrial process is being maintained. This change was designed to increase the productivity of the Authority.
- The introduction of backventing regulations is proposed for petrol stations. The regulations will cover both backventing in respect of the filling of station tanks and the refilling of vehicle tanks.

Kings' Park Board (Hansard p200)

- Revenue only appears to have fallen because external research grant income was not known at the time the Budget was prepared. As a matter of Treasury policy, no estimate was made for this type of funding. It is expected that there will not be any significant fall in this source of funds.
- The restaurant development should be completed by November 1993, at a building cost of approximately \$5.8m. The fit-out cost of \$2m will be paid by the initial lessee of the restaurant.

South West Development Authority - "SWDA" (Hansard p204)

- The Authority has taken steps to control the level of its debt. For the past few years, annual increases have been comparatively small.
- Five FTEs have been transferred to the Peel Development Authority which took over the management of a significant project from SWDA. A further reduction of 4 FTEs resulted from the closure of the Office of the Minister for the South West.
- The Authority has received a grant to initiate a research and development study on the needs of the aged in the South West.

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Building Management Authority - "BMA" (Hansard p209)

- The Minister advised the Committee that the BMA Budget needed to be read in conjunction with that of the Western Australian Building Authority (WABA), because of changes that will take effect from January 1 1994. Under the new arrangements the control of the assets of the BMA will be transferred to the WABA. As at the same date, WABA will take responsibility for all the BMA's outstanding contracts and the BMA will make all its staff available to WABA.

Department of State Services and State Supply Commission (Hansard p215)

- The substantial increase in the Department's Budget of \$64.5m is due to the implementation of FleetWest.
- FleetWest has been established for the acquisition of passenger and light commercial vehicle requirements of Government departments. It does not extend to statutory authorities or plant vehicles such as those used by the Main Roads Department.
- FleetWest is not responsible for the maintenance of vehicles, that responsibility is undertaken by the user department/agencies.
- The Department is involved in developing a rural communication access strategy which is focussed on improving delivery of Government services through use of communication technologies. Westlink will be an important part of the communication access strategy. Communications will be via both landline and satellite.
- The State Observatory (Astronomical Services) has gone from strength to strength by developing research projects which are undertaken on a co-operative basis with the University of Western Australia, Murdoch University and Edith Cowan University.
- Current Government policy is to privatise State Print but the time frame for the implementation of this policy has not yet been finalised.

Department for the Arts (*Hansard p224*)

- The responsibility for censorship has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice.
- The role of the Department is to support the arts, not to produce or acquire works of art.

Library Board of Western Australia (*Hansard p228*)

- In addition to its normal Budget for acquisitions, an additional \$1.5m has been allocated. These additional funds will be used for the purchase of missing titles and to increase the stocks of popular titles.
- \$400 000 has been allocated for expenditure to upgrade the Board's computer system which is now over ten years old.
- In order to minimise currency losses (on the purchase of overseas publications) the Board pre-buys currency so that it can hedge against any losses.
- The oral history programs are expanding and it is believed that Western Australia may have the best program in the world. It is also one of the oldest. (Oral history involves the recording of aspects of the State's history through taped, and subsequently transcribed, interviews with a wide cross-section of the State's more senior residents.)

Perth Theatre Trust (*Hansard p233*)

- There are no plans to abolish the Trust, but it may be restructured because its brief is now far beyond that for which it was originally intended (ie. to manage the Perth Concert Hall, and subsequently, His Majesty's Theatre).

Western Australian Museum (*Hansard p238*)

- The Finnerty Street site at Fremantle is to be used to establish a museum of social and cultural history.
- The position of "travelling curator" has been introduced to assist regional museums.
- The plan for the redevelopment of the Geraldton Regional Museum has been made available for public comment.
- Consideration for a regional museum at Broome is currently being undertaken.

Treasury (*Hansard p244*)

- . As a matter of general policy, instrumentalities and Government departments that do not draw totally on the Consolidated Fund are required to pay payroll tax. Statutory authorities are required to pay payroll tax unless specifically exempted.
- . The introduction of accrual accounting for all departments should be completed by 1996.
- . It is expected that the cost of introducing accrual accounting will be absorbed by departments and agencies under their general budget.
- . An Australia wide committee has been established to monitor the performance of Government trading enterprises (GTEs). Treasury's aim is to increase the capacity of GTEs to pay dividends to the taxpayers of the State.
- . Treasury's current debt retirement strategy is based on debt retirement over 25 years. Previously, the strategy was calculated on a reducing balance method with debt repayment being made over 30 years.

Miscellaneous Services (*Hansard p249*)

- . The Minister is considering whether it is appropriate to transfer some of the items under this Division to other Divisions.
- . **Item 79: Australian Music Examination Board**
 - Expenditure has remained stable.
- . **Item 109: Official Corruption Commission**
 - Funding has increased by \$110 000 because of the expanding scope of the Commission which resulted from amendments in 1993 to its constituting Act.
- . **Item: R & I Bank - Merger Advice**
 - \$10 577 was spent in this area. The advice obtained may be useful in the future.
- . **Item 112: Rottnest Island Authority**
 - The funding of \$100 000 relates to debt servicing costs on borrowings used to upgrade the sewerage system.
- . **Item 115: City Living Land Tax Concession Scheme**
 - Land tax concession for inner city residential units is to continue for the current year.

- **Item: Fare Concessions - Reimbursement to Transperth**
 - The cost of Transperth concession fares has been transferred to Transperth's Budget.
- **Item 131: Road Program - Grant to Main Roads Department**
 - The \$21.7m represents a reappropriation of Commonwealth specific purpose grants.
- **Item: Wittenoom Asbestos Claims**
 - This item relates to two 'out of court' settlements.

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Department of Transport (*Hansard p262*)

- Between \$40 000 and \$50 000 of the current year's Budget has been allocated to the promotion of waterfront reforms.
- The 'one-stop' shop concept for the Transport portfolio is to be pursued and implemented so as to assist those who wish to know details of the State's transport system.
- Problems exist in the reconciliation of the figures in the 1992/93 annual report of the Department to the actual figures shown for 1992/93 in the Budget papers (refer to Part 3, General Comments and Observations, point 9., page 4).
- It is proposed to place the control of the taxi industry under the Department but the mechanism, currently in use for the setting of fees and the issue of plates, will be retained.
- The expected increase in revenue from the fuel excise will be spent on roads.
- The control of 22 aerodromes has, with the assistance of the Department, changed from the Commonwealth to local hands.
- The Western Australian Road Transport Industry Advisory Committee has been formed as a major forum for consultation between Government and industry.

Metropolitan (Perth) Passenger Transport Trust (*Hansard p271*)

- Tenders have been called for the supply of buses to replace existing stock. The estimated expenditure is \$100m and provision for this expenditure will be made in the 1994/95 financial year.
- Discrepancies exist in figures presented in the program statements with those in annual reports despite reporting for the same period. The reason stems from a Treasury requirement that a cash accounting basis be adopted for program estimates, whereas accrual accounting is adopted for annual reports (refer to Part 3, General Comments and Observations, point 9., page 4).

Western Australian Government Railways Commission (*Hansard p275*)

- The difficulty in comparing FTE levels quoted in program statements to those quoted in the annual report is due to the FTEs shown in the annual report as a moving average, whereas actual FTEs as at June 30, is used in the program statements.
- Westrail is currently testing new boom gates to overcome the additional problems created by the introduction of electric trains. Such problems arise from these trains being quieter and faster.
- Employee severances arising from the closure of the Midland Workshop must be accepted by March 1994. Severances have already been accepted and a continuing steady flow of acceptances is expected over the coming months. However, a large number of employees are expected to exit in March 1994.

Western Australian Coastal Shipping Commission (*Hansard p280*)

- The total cargo carried by Stateships for the 1992/93 was 8 094 containers which was a 13.9% increase on the previous year.
- Stateships is experiencing some problems in the redeployment of staff who are surplus to requirements and who do not accept the redundancy package offered to them. This problem may increase in the coming year with a further review of the organisation having recently taken place.
- Cargo shipped to the north west of the State last financial year was 3 256 containers, an increase of 315 on the previous year.
- The service to Cocos and Christmas Islands is expected to be a growth area.

Department of Marine and Harbours (*Hansard p284*)

- The Department is being amalgamated with the Department of Transport.
- The Department gives assistance to local authorities to ensure that beaches under their control are maintained in good order. There is no separate budget allocation for this work.
- Ocean Reef Marina is a private development but the Department is responsible for the safety aspects.
- The Dawesville Cut is the biggest single coastal environment project undertaken by the State. The estimated total cost is approximately \$57m. It will be completed next year.
- New management strategies are being developed in response to local communities becoming involved in the development of small boat harbours. This new strategy has been used on a trial basis at the Esperance small boat harbour.

- Boat launching ramps are jointly funded by the Department and the relevant local authority. A ramp is currently being completed in Broome, where the local authority contributed \$75 000 and the Department the remaining half.

Western Australian Alcohol and Drug Authority (*Hansard p288*)

- As Government policy has made it exempt, the Authority no longer pays payroll tax.
- After the adjustment for payroll tax, the Authority has been allocated a 3.4% increase in expenditure.
- The approved FTE level for the Authority is 174, but last year the Authority operated on an average of 163. The estimate for the current year is 166.
- The average salary of the Authority's employees is higher than that assessed across the rest of the public service.
- Two sobering-up centres have been opened, one in Halls Creek and the other in Roebourne. Two more are planned for opening in the current year (at Fitzroy Crossing and Kalgoorlie). The purpose of the centres is to move people out of police cells. The cost of the sobering-up shelters program is \$1.3m, which includes some capital works expenditure for the Kalgoorlie centre.
- The Authority is not directly responsible for educational programs to prevent alcohol and drug abuse. However, it provides advice to the Health Department's Health Promotion Branch which works in conjunction with the Ministry of Education.
- Over one-third of the Authority's expenditure is allocated to specific community organisations to develop programs with local communities.

Heritage Council of Western Australia (*Hansard p293*)

- The compilation of the Register of Heritage Places is taking longer than expected. The previous interim listing was inadequate and much of last year's work involved the redoing of the previous year's work.
- Six recommendations for listings from the private sector have been made to the Minister but no decision on these recommendations has yet been made.
- The Council has an ongoing dialogue with the Australian Heritage Commission. In addition, the Council administers approximately \$1.2m on behalf of the Commission.
- As well as the \$50 000 allocated to the municipal inventories program, \$40 000 has been spent on research facilities at the Battye Library to assist local authorities in researching their history.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs (*Hansard p297*)

- Responsibility for the Commercial Tribunal, the Small Claims Tribunal and the Strata Titles Referee has been transferred from the Ministry (to the Ministry of Justice). Responsibility for the registration of business names, incorporated associations and limited partnerships has been transferred to the Ministry (from the Ministry of Justice). As a result there was no significant change in approved FTE levels.
- In the Budget, \$50 000 has been allocated for the required statutory review of retail trading hours.
- The *Home Building Contracts Act 1991* review is required to be finalised by April 1995.
- A review of the *Retirement Villages Act 1992* is currently under way.
- The Ministry's services to regional areas are to be continued and extended.
- Uniform trade measurement legislation, which has already been adopted by four States, is being considered for possible introduction next year.
- The Ministry is considering a review of the *Settlement Agents Act 1981* to ensure that agents act in the best interest of their clients and not in the interest of real estate agents with whom they are associated.

Western Australian Tourism Commission (*Hansard p304*)

- Eastern states tourist centres will be closed during the year at a saving of approximately \$1m. The savings will be allocated to marketing programs.
- Marketing agreements are proposed with the three dominant agencies selling most travel to Western Australia and with the motoring organisations. The three dominant agencies are Traveland Pty Ltd, World Travel and Jetset Pty Ltd.
- The Commission has reinstated a system of regional offices. There are now 10 regional offices. The additional cost of these offices over last year is approximately \$370 000.
- The revenue raised by the Commission last year from EventsCorp was \$2.254m. This sum was allocated to the events conducted by EventsCorp. Approximately \$2.2m in revenue is expected this year.
- The Commission proposes to reduce FTE levels by 41 in the current year, 19 from eastern states marketing with the balance spread over a number of departments.

Small Business Development Corporation - "SBDC" (Hansard p309)

- In previous years, liabilities under the *Small Business Guarantees Act 1984* have been shown as a separate item under Treasury. This year they have been shown under SBDC's Budget. The \$75 000 for last year represents a bad debt made good to the lending bank by the Government. The \$570 000 shown in the current year is the estimated bad debts for the year.
- The Small Business Guarantees program is administered by commercial banks. Seven guarantees were issued in 1992/93 to assist new small businesses.
- Salary costs for 1993/94 are significantly higher than 1992/93 despite FTE levels remaining static. There are two main reasons for the increase. First, SBDC was unable to pay the superannuation guarantee levy in 1992/93 which will result in the levy for two years being paid in 1993/94. Secondly, there is an extra pay for staff (ie. 27 pays rather than the normal 26) in the current year.

Department of Commerce and Trade (Hansard p313)

- \$3.5m has been allocated to the trade development program.
- The Hong Kong Office is being upgraded because it is seen as the gateway to southern China.
- Western Australian aerial mapping operation in the state of Arisa in India has become a multi-million dollar earner for the State.
- The Department considers that there is a lot of opportunities for infrastructure projects in the Middle East, eg. aid support in Iran, food manufacturing and abattoir facilities.

WA Academy of Performing Arts (Hansard p318)

- Space at Mt Lawley campus is a continuing problem for the Academy, but the nature and ethos of the institution is that performing arts are better served if they are all under the one roof. A building program submission will be made in 1994/95 for capital works.
- Because of budgetary restraints, the Academy is unable to extend its regional centre network.
- The Academy enjoys a better than 80% placement of its graduates in the entertainment industry. Approximately 50-60% of broadcasting graduates end up working in Western Australia. Dance, theatre and music students mainly find employment in the eastern states because of the nature of opportunities.
- The Academy is introducing a new course for Aboriginal performing arts which is to be funded by DEVET.

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SCHEDULE - ESTIMATES HEARINGS

TIME	WEDNESDAY - SEPT 29 1993	THURSDAY - SEPT 30 1993	MONDAY - OCT 18 1993	TUESDAY - OCT 19 1993	WEDNESDAY - OCT 20 1993
9.45-10.00am			Morning Tea		
10.00-10.30	(1) Premier and Cabinet (CA)	(3) Employment, Vocational Education and Training (M)	(3) Health (F)		(1) Transport (CH)
10.30-11.00	(1) Parliament - Legislative Council	*	*		*
11.00-11.30	*	(3) Country High Schools Hostel Auth (M)	*		(2) Metro Passenger Transp. Trust (CH)
11.30-12.00pm	(2) Bush Fires Board (CA)	(1) Recreation Camps and Reserves Bd (M)			(2) WA Govt Railways Comm. (CH)
12.00-12.30	(4) Minerals and Energy (CA)	(1) Sport and Recreation (M)	(3) Authority for Intellectually Handicapped Persons (F)		(4) WA Coastal Shipping Comm. (CH)
12.30-1.00	(4) Land Administration (CA)	(1) WA Sports Centre Trust (M)	(3) Bureau for Disability Services (F)		(4) Marine and Harbours (CH)
1.00-2.00			LUNCH		
2.00-2.30	(5) Agriculture (CH)	(2) Community Development (CH)	(2) GEHA (F)	(2) Building Management Authority (F)	(3) WA Alcohol and Drug Auth. (F)
2.30-3.00	(5) Agriculture Protection Board (CH)	*	(2) Infrastructure and Govt Assets (B)	(5) State Services (F)	(5) Heritage (F)
3.00-3.45	(3) Fisheries (CH)	(4) Office of Seniors' Interest (CH)	(1) Racing and Gaming (B)	(5) State Supply Commission (F)	(5) Consumer Affairs (F)
3.45-4.00			Afternoon Tea		
4.00-4.30	(2) Education (M)	(3) Local Government (CH)	(1) CALM (M)	(3) Arts (F)	(2) WA Tourism Commission (M)
4.30-5.00	*	(3) Bushy Per. Authority (CH)	(1) EPA (M)	(3) Library Board (F)	(2) Small Business Develop. Corp (M)
5.00-5.30	*	(4) Police (CA)	(4) Kings Park Board (M)	(4) Perth Theatre Trust (F)	(5) Commerce and Trade (M)
5.30-6.00	*	*	(4) SWDA (M)	(4) WA Museum (F)	(1) WA Academy of Perform. Arts (M)
6.00-7.30			DINNER		
7.30-8.00	(3) Justice (F)			(5) Treasury (B)	
8.00-8.30	*			(1) Miscellaneous Services (B)	
8.30-9.00	*			*	
9.00-9.30	(4) Office of the DPP (F)			*	
9.30-10.00	(4) Occupat. Health Safety & Welfare (F)			*	

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WHAT'S YOUR VIEW ON STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING?

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations of the Legislative Council is required to consider and report on -

- (a) the estimates of expenditure laid before the Council each year; and
- (b) any matter relating to the financial administration of the State.

The Committee is comprised of the following members -

- . Hon Murray Montgomery - Chairman
- . Hon Bob Thomas
- . Hon Muriel Patterson
- . Hon Mark Nevill
- . Hon Bruce Donaldson

The Committee would be pleased to receive submissions from any person or organisation relating to any matters of concern in respect to how government allocated funds are distributed, spent or managed for and on behalf of the public sector in Western Australia. Particular reference is preferred to the State Budget estimates for 1993/94 due for announcement during the week commencing Monday, September 13.

Submissions will be included in the formal review of the above estimates scheduled for Wednesday September 29, Thursday September 30, and from Monday October 18 to Wednesday October 20. Details should be forward to the following before THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 1993.

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