

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

16 to 18 and 21 to 23 June 2004

VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

2003-04 was the first year of implementation of the *Advancing the Community Together* Partnership (ACT Partnership) managed by the Office for Volunteers (OFV).

Expenditure for 2003-04 by the OFV for printed information and materials to the ACT Partnership was approximately \$62 000.

This includes \$12 898 for materials and printing to promote volunteering generally in the community; \$23 911 for the production of the *State of Volunteering*, the quarterly OFV newsletter; and \$25 579 for printing and promotional activities related to the implementation of the ACT Partnership.

The budget allocated to the Office for Volunteers for 2004-05 includes \$30 000 allocated to the publication of the *State of Volunteering* newsletter and \$30 000 allocated to general printing and promotional activities related to the implementation of the ACT Partnership.

MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BUDGET

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

The Volunteer Ministerial Advisory Group (VMAG) is responsible for providing recommendations, information and advice to the Minister for Volunteers and the Office for Volunteers in relation to all issues involving volunteers and volunteering.

The 2004-05 budget for VMAG is \$30 000 which provides for payments to Non Government organisations to cover the cost of VMAG members time lost. This is part of the \$150 000 allocation for implementing the ACT Partnership.

MINISTERIAL STAFF, OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I am advised that the salary budget was determined using details provided by the Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment regarding proposed staffing levels. The calculation assumed average on-costs of 23.5 per cent.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that Accounting Policy Statement 13, issued by the Treasurer, provides definitions of 'consultants' and 'contractors' for use by SA Government agencies.

- A 'consultant' means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative;
- A 'contractor' means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which that task is to be performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions of employment is not a feasible alternative.

Based on these definitions a single person or firm may be accurately recorded as both a consultant and a contractor at different times depending on the nature of the engagement. Consultancy expenditure is regularly reviewed and improvements in classification are applied where required.

Listed as a consultants in 2001-02:

- Anthony Stone Consultants
- Bell Personnel
- David J Foreman and Associates
- Department for Environment and Heritage
- Flinders University

- Ilona Treijs
 - Jane Jeffreys Consulting
 - Joint Impact
 - Leadership Solutions
 - MacDonalds HR Development Consultancy
 - MARC-Management and Research Centre
 - McPhee Andrewartha
 - MJL People Dynamics Pty Ltd
 - Natalie Fuller and Associates
 - Oz Train
 - PKF Organisational Development
 - Precision Consultancy
 - The Nous Group
 - Torrens Valley Institute
 - Wordcraft Global Pty Ltd
- Listed as consultants in 2003-03:
- Brecknock Consultancy Services
 - Julie Sloan Management Pty Ltd.

PUBLIC SECTOR MOBILITY PLAN

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

Internal Public Sector Mobility Scheme

Who—Staff were identified by their agencies. Portfolios were invited to nominate at least one high performing executive or MAS3 to participate in the mobility program and one position for participants from other agencies to be placed in.

How Long—The mobility placement is for 6 months, a period determined sufficient to develop the participant.

Where—Participants were asked to describe how this program would enhance their development and identify their key competencies. A selection panel consisting of 3 portfolio chief executives was established and they used this information to match the participants to the positions in other agencies.

Who Pays—The participants remain the employee of their home agency with that home agency meeting all salary costs. In addition the home agency is also required to meet the development cost of \$4 500 per participant. The comprehensive development options include 360 degree feedback information, a leadership development centre, coaching sessions and monthly information sessions designed to assist the participant to increase their leadership capability.

How to assess what is learnt—As this program is intended to develop individuals by enhancing their leadership capability, as well as more broadly benefiting the public sector, a knowledge management strategy has been formulated comprising:

- Evaluation of leadership capability enhancement by pre and post 360 degree assessment;
- Recording learning/knowledge/experiences/etc on the learning portal, SAVVY, against predetermined reporting criteria;
- Participating in group mentoring session specifically designed to transfer the learnings back to the workplace. OCPPE will facilitate the mentoring process.
- Presentations by participants at relevant forums.

Private Public Mobility—'Industry Postings'

Who—Staff are identified by their agencies based on the business needs of a particular portfolio/agency.

How Long—Industry Postings have no fixed period however they are recommended to be between 4 and 6 months depending on the articulated business needs.

Where—The industry or business that best matches the needs identified by the participant or portfolio. The OCPPE has negotiated with Business SA to assist in identification of industries. Other identification means will be used as needed, such as advertising, direct approaches and use of consultancy firms' databases.

Who Pays—The participants remain the employee of their home agency with that home agency meeting all salary costs.

How to assess what is learnt—As this program is intended to benefit the public sector by bringing private sector expertise into the public sector, and also to develop individuals by enhancing their leadership capability, a knowledge management strategy has been formulated comprising:

- Reports to Senior Management Council by private sector individuals regarding their experience in working in the government sector, perceptions on how the private and public sectors could work more effectively together and recommendations for change;
- Reports to Senior Management Council by public sector individuals regarding their experiences in working in the private sector, perceptions on how the private and public sectors could work more effectively together and recommendations for change;

- Recording learning/knowledge/experiences/etc on the learning portal, SAVVY, against predetermined reporting criteria;
- Presentations by participants at relevant forums.

ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

Savvy: is an online learning resource for SA public sector Executives and senior managers. Senior managers and executives share the same content but there are separate areas in the site for each group's learning and development needs.

Background

Savvy is a website which contains online courses, links to government information and national and international links to leadership and management development material—all targeted to the learning needs of executives and senior managers in the SA public sector. Savvy also contains collaborative and networking tools such as electronic discussion boards and chat rooms which support cross government collaboration on projects and initiatives.

Leadership and management development for public sector employees is an important objective for the Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment (OCPE). In 1999, the OCPE launched the LeadershipSA Initiative to facilitate the ongoing development of public sector employees as future leaders of the South Australian public sector. Senior Management Council embraced the initiative and set a benchmark of 2 per cent of agencies' employment costs to be expended on management and leadership development as a means of demonstrating the importance of leadership development and their commitment to the public sector of the future.

It was evident from agency statistics in training and development that executives and senior managers were not engaging in development activities to the level required for sound succession planning. To increase engagement, the Savvy website was commissioned to meet the learning and development needs of busy senior staff who would be able to access learning and information relevant to their work at any time, from any location in one, easy location. Savvy has become an important tool for collaboration on projects across government and for networking public sector leaders across the state. It is a secure site available by PIN logon to registered users.

What does Savvy contain?

1. Information relevant to the work undertaken by executives and senior managers in the public sector. News and information can be published to the site in minutes and then communicated to Savvy users via the site's innovative administration system. All updates and communication are managed internally by staff in the OCPE.

Examples of information types:

- Notification and online registration links to forums, conferences, courses, workshops targeted for senior public servants
- Links to local, national and international sites dealing with governance, strategic planning, management, innovation in government, etc.
- Circulars, statements and departmental communications which may take time to become available in hard copy are available from Savvy on the date of release.
- SMC information and initiatives, Cabinet information, parliamentary information including links to Hansard, sitting dates, Cabinet Committee contacts, Committee terms of reference
- Major strategies that impact on SA, government initiatives, project policy and guidelines.
- Online directories with full contact details for all state government executives and senior managers.
- Direct links to executive positions in the Notice of Vacancies.

2. Learning and career development opportunities relevant to the needs of senior public sector staff.

Examples of learning and career development:

- Online courses covering: performance management, getting the best from talented young staff, leading and managing change, managing up, political savvy, managing poor performers, building and leading effective teams, impression management, knowledge management.
- Quick learning points: delegating effectively, coaching and mentoring, giving and receiving feedback in performance management, 360 degree tools, leadership competency self assessment tool.
- Links to local, national and international sites specialising in the development of: financial management skills, communication and self awareness, conflict and mediation, management and policy studies, entrepreneurial behaviour, leadership, organisational politics, presentation skills, research, women's issues.

- Registers of training consultants and learning networks across government.
- Chat rooms and discussion boards hosting expert mentors and guest speakers
- 3. Specialised learning to support government initiatives:
 - Examples:
 - The State Strategic Plan (SSP)** influences the work carried out by senior public servants. The Premier, members of the Economic Development Board and Senior Management Council have all been closely involved with the recent Executive Summits run by OCPE which focus on the implementation of the SSP and the direction for the public sector. Savvy has been the vehicle for:
 - marketing and registration for the Summits;
 - all supporting reading material including links to the Oregon project and the Blair government's public sector reform program
 - all summaries of table discussions;
 - summaries of chief executives' presentations and EDB members discussion.
 - The South Australian Public Sector Mobility Scheme (EDB Recommendation No. 27)** is being supported by Savvy by supplying a 'registrants only' section of the site in which all resources are housed including:
 - all reading materials, speaker presentations, participants' contact details;
 - private discussion boards and chat rooms where participants are able to meet 'virtually' between sessions to save meeting costs and time away from work;
 - case study scenarios where participants are able to vote on outcomes and discuss the results of their decisions at face to face sessions or with a 'virtual coach'
 - stories from senior public servants who have moved across the sectors and who wish to share their experiences and development with the participants and general users of Savvy.

Savvy Statistics

- From April 30 2004, the Savvy database was expanded from 641 executive users to another 1 137 public sector senior managers = 1 778 registered users.
- From 12 May to 25 June 2004, over 585 senior managers received training and induction in the use of the Savvy website.
- Since its inception in April 2001, there have been:
 - over 132 000 hits to the Savvy home page, and
 - over 56 000 user logins.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that the Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment (OCPE) designated 2003-04 a priority year for the support of performance management, following the OCPE's monitoring of the implementation of performance development across the public sector and the Economic Development Board's recommendation that all employees have a performance development review. The strategy included issuing Commissioner's Determination 10, requiring all Chief Executives to implement performance management systems and to set guidelines.

The OCPE provided a performance management support program aimed at human resource practitioners, managers and employees. A key part of the program was the development of an online tool, called the Performance Management Supermarket and launched in September 2003. For the first time a tool is available to all employees that provides information for staff, managers and human resource practitioners on how to implement performance management including a step-by-step guide to running a performance review meeting. The tool varies the complexity of the information provided based on how the user has identified themselves (eg. staff member versus manager). All public sector agencies have access to the tool through the OCPE website. Feedback from agencies regarding the usefulness of this resource has been extremely positive, with 8 of 13 portfolio agencies actively promoting and using the tool.

Another resource implemented by OCPE has been an intensive action-learning program. Human resource staff were invited from agencies who do not have an established performance management process in place. Participants attend a workshop bimonthly with interim meetings with OCPE staff to assess their work towards implementing a performance management system in their agency.

The performance management support program also includes an education program for human resource practitioners on issues that are seen as areas of need for the public service. Education sessions include topics on managing unsatisfactory performance, rewarding

staff and succession planning. A particular focus has been a special series of workshops on coaching for improved performance. Approximately 200 managers and human resource staff have participated in the sessions at various times throughout the year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FUNCTIONS

In reply to **Hon. I.P. LEWIS.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

Most events held in the grounds of Government House are hosted by organisations other than the State Governor's Establishment.

Such organizations approach Her Excellency for permission to use the grounds. The events must be appropriate for the Governor's attendance and for the venue (ie it is not just a case of "grounds for hire"). Admission to such events is usually by invitation only (or ticket by prior purchase or at the gate in the case of fund-raising events).

Whilst there is no fee payable for use of the grounds, all the hospitality costs associated with such events are borne by the host organisation. Some of these may have required public funding. The amount would have to be sought from each agency.

For the year 2003 the following events took place in the grounds and the approximate numbers of attendees were as set out below:

Jan	Australia Day Council Breakfast	260
Feb	2003 SSABSA Merit Ceremony	3 000
Mar	Police Expo 2003 Garden Party	120
	Act of Loyalty	2 700
Apr	Diabetes South Australia	400
	State Economic Summit	150
	Defence Force Families	561
May	Australian Red Cross "Hats & High Tea"	220
Oct	Sporting Car Club of SA Inc	50
	Education Adelaide	500
Nov	Australia Day Council Breakfast for finalists	170
For the year 2004, the following events have been/will be held:		
Jan	Australia Day Council Breakfast	250
Feb	Department of the Human Services - Metropolitan Hospital and Health Boards	170
	2003 SSABSA Merit Ceremony	3 000
	Adelaide Bank 2004 Festival of Arts Artists Week	230
	Adelaide Bank 2004 Festival of Arts Writers Week	385
Mar	Alex von Doussa Memorial Cocktail Party	611
	Meals on Wheels Afternoon Tea	730
May	Australian Red Cross "Hats & High Tea"	220
Oct	Sporting Car Club of SA Inc	50
	Education Adelaide	500
Nov	Australia Day Council Breakfast for finalists	170

In addition to the above, each year Government House hosts two Open Days (usually in spring and autumn) which any members of the public may attend. There is no charge for admission. Access is provided to the ground-floor public rooms of the House (incorporating special displays) and to the grounds. Refreshments are sold as a fund-raising venture by selected charities. Associated costs such as for advertising and signage, additional security etc are borne by the budget of the State Governor's establishment.

The major event which is hosted by Her Excellency the Governor in the grounds each year is the so-called "Patronage" Garden Party, to which three representatives of each organisation of which the Governor is either Patron or an Honorary member or has some other close relationship (eg Chief Scout) are invited (together with their spouses/partners). The cost of this annual event is funded from within the usual budget of the State Governor's Establishment. The costs in the past two years are \$14394 in 2003 and \$14586 in 2004. There were 700 and 884 guests attending these respective events.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, SERVICES PROVIDED

In reply to **Hon. I.P. LEWIS.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Treasurer has provided the following information:

Six portfolios provide services to the members of the South Australian Parliament. They are:

- The Auditor-General's Department
- The Department of Justice (Attorney-General's Department, South Australian Police)
- The Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- The Department for Administration and Information Services

- The Department of Treasury and Finance

The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) and the Department for Administration and Information Services (DAIS) provide direct support to the Members of Parliament. The other portfolios provide indirect support through the Department of Treasury and Finance as follows:

- The Auditor-General's Department audits the expenditure managed by the Department of Treasury and Finance on behalf of the Members of the South Australian Parliament.
- The Attorney-General's Department provides legal advice through the Crown Solicitor's Office.
- The Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) provides fully funded trainees for the Members of the South Australian Parliament. The trainees are funded by DFEEST and managed by the Department of Treasury and Finance as the legal employer.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provides support to the Members through the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.
- The South Australian Police provides services through the Police Security Services Division and on occasion the Security Intelligence Section. The services provided by Police Security Services are funded through the budget allocation managed by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).

The Department for Administration and Information Services provides direct support to the Members through the Parliamentary Network Support Group. Indirect support is provided to Electorate Services through six units within DAIS. These are Real Estate Management, Injury Management Services, Public Sector Workforce Relations, Payroll and Fleet SA. Services provided by Parliamentary Network Support Group are funded by DAIS. At this stage DTF has not been charged for services provided to the Members by Injury Management Services and Public Sector Workforce Relations.

The Support Services to Parliamentarians budget managed by DTF is \$13 669 000.

This budget allocation is used to provide the indirect services detailed above, and the direct services listed below. There are currently 3 FTE's in Electorate Services, the Manager Electorate Services, the Electorate Office Coordinator and the Facilities Management Officer.

Electorate Services (a unit of Corporate Services, DTF) is accountable to the treasurer for the management and provision of support services to all members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council in accordance with Cabinet directives and current government policies. The unit supports the members of parliament by:

- Ensuring the effective and efficient financial management of support services.
- Managing the ongoing provision of suitable accommodation for all Members and their staff.
- Ensuring the timely provision of appropriate human resource management services for the Personal Assistants, Research Officers and trainees.
- Managing the administration of House of Assembly Members' Global Allowances.
- Ensuring the continued improvement of support services.
- Contributing to the provision of effective and efficient IT services to Members by providing advice and assistance to the Parliamentary Network Support Group in relation to the Parliamentary Network services and facilities, and Electorate Office links.

In addition to the services sourced through the other portfolios, Electorate Services source services through the following units of DTF:

- Administrative Services
- Audit and Risk Management Services
- Communications Services
- Financial Services, and
- Human Resources

These arrangements have been in place for the last three years. With the exception of funding provided to replace 41 photocopiers in the electorate offices and funding for the provision of an additional .4 FTE Personal Assistant to Members of the House of Assembly, Cabinet has not approved any changes to the resources or allocation of funds for the members of the South Australian Parliament for the last 12 months or the next 12 months.

FIELD RIVER

In reply to **Mr HANNA.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Minister for Environment and Conservation has provided the following information:

At this stage, the Department of Environment and Heritage is working with the City of Marion to establish a management framework over this and other lands (including DEH Reserves) contained within the scope of the "Marion South Plan greenbelt". The Field River Valley contains land both in private ownership (Sheidows) and belonging to Transport SA.

The future management and ownership of land within the Field River Valley is the subject of ongoing negotiations between the City of Marion and Transport SA and private landholders (Sheidows).

RIVER MURRAY

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Minister for the River Murray has advised that:

1. Yes. South Australia has long advocated for collective action to address the declining health of the River Murray system and has taken a lead role in seeking commitment from the jurisdictions of the Murray-Darling Basin to such action. As you would be aware, the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council took a historic First Step decision in November 2003 to address the declining health of the River Murray system. The First Step decision focuses on the achievement of specific environmental objectives and outcomes for six significant ecological assets, namely the Barmah-Millewa Forest; Gunbower and Koondrook-Perricoota Forests; Hattah Lakes; Chowilla Floodplain (including Lindsay-Wallpolla); the Murray Mouth, Coorong and Lower Lakes; and the River Murray channel. The environmental objectives will be achieved through judicious management of recovered water being built up over a period of five years to an estimated average of 500 gegalitres/year. While I acknowledge that much more water is needed in the longer-term to achieve a healthy river system, the 500 gegalitres will go a long way towards improving the health of those critical assets. It is a crucial first step. Implicit in this decision is that there will be follow on steps and I will continue to advocate for at least 1 500 gegalitres of water to be recovered for environmental flows to address the declining health of the whole River Murray system over the next 15 years.

2. I should first point out that the station at Morgan measures river salinity, which is only one indicator of river health. The Living Murray First Step Decision includes sites (significant ecological assets) along the entire length of the River Murray below the Barmah Choke, which show signs of decline due to changes to the timing and size of flood events. Therefore, salinity alone is not a good measure of health. In a sense, achievement of the environmental objectives and outcomes at the six assets will be the measures of success. There is no agreed amount of water that will go past Morgan. This will be dependent on a number of parameters, i.e. how much water is available when opportunities arise to add water to flood peaks or extend the duration of floods, the various flow thresholds for the assets, when the assets last received a watering, and the principles established in the Basin Environmental Watering Plan that will coordinate watering between sites. Based on these parameters, there may well be some times when all of the water is directed to the Murray Mouth.

PORT OF ADELAIDE

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH:**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Minister for Infrastructure has provided the following information:

The government is working with the private sector, in particular the private port operator Flinders Port and the State's main grain handler AusBulk to develop the port at Outer Harbor into a world-class port that will provide efficient port services for the benefit of the State's industry and consumers.

The government plan for Outer Harbor involves various components:

- Construction of the Port River Expressway incorporating a rail and road bridge over the Port River;
- Upgrade of the Le Fevre rail corridor;
- A new deep-sea grain wharf and associated works;
- A new grain terminal including a rail loop, efficient rail and truck unloaders, linked by a conveyor belt to the new grain wharf;
- Provision of headworks including power, gas, water, wastewater, stormwater and telecommunications; and
- Deepening of the Outer Harbor channel from a depth of 12.2 metres to 14.2 metres.

These projects represent a total investment of over \$400 million.

The projects are expected to be completed as follows:

- Port River Expressway Stage 1—May 2005
- Port River Expressway Bridges—Late 2006
- Le Fevre rail corridor—Mid 2006
- Deep-sea grain wharf—Late 2005
- Grain terminal—Late 2006
- Headworks—Mid 2005
- Outer Harbor channel deepening—Early 2006

With regard to the \$55 million channel deepening project, details environmental studies are due to be completed in August 2004. These studies will comprehensively deal with the environmental impacts of dredging the channel and disposal of the dredged material.

Public consultation will follow the release of the environmental reports.

It is envisaged that Flinders Ports will lodge a development application in the next few months and, subject to the environmental and other approval matters being satisfactorily dealt with, a development approval may be obtained by early 2005. This would allow the dredging to occur over the balance of 2005 and into early 2006.

The critical path for the channel deepening project is the environmental studies and the development approval process.

The government has commissioned a business case analysis of the channel deepening to identify the costs and benefits of the project as well as the key beneficiaries. The business case is expected to be finalised by August 2004 and it is envisaged that discussions with Flinders Ports and industry about the most appropriate funding for the project will continue thereafter.

Given the critical importance of the channel deepening to Flinders Ports and the State's industry and economy we are confident that resolution of the appropriate funding approach will not delay this project.

ADELAIDE AIRPORT LEVY

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Minister for Infrastructure has provided the following information:

The Passenger Facilitation Charge (PFC) is a charge that Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL) will place on its airline customers to recover the capital and incremental operating costs of those parts of the new terminal dedicated for aeronautical uses. This refers to the public areas not attracting direct revenue through lease or concession fees.

The principles underlying the PFC were the subject of a determination of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in 1999 when charges for Commonwealth leased airports were regulated. While airport charges are no longer regulated, AAL has retained the ACCC's PFC principles as a template for negotiations with the airlines operating out of the new terminal at Adelaide Airport. The major domestic airlines have agreed to the structure of the charges.

The charges will come into effect when the new terminal opens around the end of 2005. The actual amount to be charged will not be set until three months prior to opening, but indicatively it is likely to be in the order of \$5.60 per domestic passenger sector, which will be 90 per cent of the throughput. The charge for international flights will be more and for regional flights will be less.

The capital component of the PFC will be set in 5-year blocks based on passenger throughput forecasts. It applies to those parts of the terminal deemed to be for aeronautical use—based on the floor space meterage. Under or over recovery of the capital cost will be spread over the following 5-year period after the actual amount collected for the first 5 years is determined.

The capital cost component will be in the order of 85-88 per cent of the actual direct construction cost, not including financial costs. This component of the PFC will be recovered in 15 years and cease thereafter.

The charge based on the component of the PFC attributed to the incremental operating cost will continue as long as the new terminal remains in use. Under or over recovery of operating costs are not accounted for in subsequent 5-year periods. A new rate is set, however, for each successive 5-year period based on the performance over the previous period. Whether in fact the incremental cost remains separate as a PFC in perpetuity or is absorbed as part of AAL's general aeronautical charging structure, remains to be seen. I have been advised that the incremental operating cost component represents on present indications about 20-25 per cent of the total estimated PFC.

We are confident that AAL will continue to act responsibly in recovering its costs at rates negotiated with its customer airlines

while striving to maximise the Adelaide Airport's competitive position among Australia's other gateways.

COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Minister for State/Local Government Relations has provided the following information: EDB recommendation 16 states the following:

'Further amalgamations of, or collaborative arrangements be implemented between local councils in order to achieve a more strategic approach, greater efficiencies and more timely decisions.'

This government has a policy of "no forced council amalgamations". However, there is a major emphasis on encouraging council collaboration on a regional basis consistent with recommendation 16.

Cooperative arrangements between councils are already in place in many areas such as strategic planning, community service provision, waste management and sharing of plant and equipment. In addition, joint employment arrangements are being put in place to address shortages of specialist staff such as development planners, environmental health officers, especially in rural areas. Collaborative arrangements are also in place for infrastructure provision such as stormwater management and STEDS schemes.

Local Government is increasingly working as a united sector. Local Government continues to produce proposals that have been collaboratively developed by the sector as a whole. This united Local Government approach has proved successful in the development of a joint South Australian State/Local Government electricity contract with significant savings, and the recent work by the metropolitan councils on stormwater issues.

The Sustainable Development Bill comes within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. The Bill is part of the ReDIRECTIONS planning reform package and it also facilitates the implementation of the Economic Development Board's recommendations 13-15. Any detailed questions on the Bill should be directed or referred to Minister White.

However, given that this draft Bill is a matter of significant interest and concern to Local Government, the consultation process on the Bill has included a formal consultation period with a wide range of stakeholders and interest groups.

The government will now be considering the comment feedback received on the Bill, including that contained within the LGA submission.

The Office of Local Government has been involved in supporting the consultation process and facilitating discussion between the LGA and Planning SA on the proposed legislation.

STAFF REDUCTIONS

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

The number of staff in Arts SA Central Office (including ArtLab) increased from 72.1 FTE at 30 June 2003 to 83.4 FTE at 30 June 2004. The estimated figure for 30 June 2005 is 86 FTE.

EXPORT COUNCIL

In reply to **Hon. M.R. BUCKBY**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Minister for Industry and Trade has provided the following information:

The Export Council is composed of industry representatives who serve on the Council in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration such as board fees or sitting fees. The Council operates in an advisory capacity and has no specific budget to administer; its role is to make recommendations to the Government, through the Minister for Industry, Trade and Regional Development, on whether public funds are being spent on export related programs in the most appropriate way. The Council is supported by the Office of Trade within the Department of Trade and Economic Development; incidental costs associated with the Council's meetings are met from the operating budget of that department.

The \$7.5 billion target for food exports to 2013 was adopted by the Premier's Food Council which the Premier chairs. For the purpose of this target, the broad food sector includes food-related agricultural commodities, seafood, and processed food and beverages (not including wine). The Export Council acknowledges that individual industries grow at different rates and is exploring the factors which can accelerate or constrain those growth rates. In terms of the \$7.5 billion target for food, \$1 billion of this is a sub-target for seafood. However part of the food industry's strategy is to have more

processing of seafood into branded, value-added products, such as Springs smoked salmon or Ferguson's lobster medallions.

PROTOCOL ORDERS

In reply to **Hon. I.P. LEWIS**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that: In so far as can be determined, no changes relating to Judges of the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Premier, Ministers of the Crown and Officers of the Parliament have been made to the State Order of Precedence in the last four decades.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised in the year 2003-2004 the following was spent on travel and accommodation including accompanying staff:

Airfares—Interstate	\$34 016.32
Accommodation—Interstate	\$7 434.22
Airfares—International	\$144 000.19
Accommodation—International	\$12 321.03
Total	\$197 771.76

THINKERS IN RESIDENCE

In reply to **The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that Thinkers in Residence are not employees of the government. Thinkers are engaged under individual 'Engagement Agreements' prepared by the Crown Solicitor. Terms and conditions in the contract provide for the payment of a negotiated fee based upon their earning capacity in their normal position, provision of accommodation and incidental costs whilst in Adelaide, and appropriate travel costs.

OSTER, Mr S.

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that Mr Oster has been appointed to the Agent General's office in London for twelve months as a migration specialist to promote South Australia as a destination for skilled and business migrants. Mr Oster will be paid \$50 000, with a further \$15 000 for on-costs.

Although promoting migration is within the ambit of the London Office, and the generalist staff have some experience with migration, the current effort is modest. None of the current staff have migration as a major focus and such a focus would not be possible within existing resources. The appointment of Mr Oster provides an additional resource to supplement existing activities in order to exploit the significant untapped potential in the UK market.

There will be no reduction of existing staffing levels in the Agent General's office as a result of Mr Oster's appointment.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

In reply to **Mr BRINDAL**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: Staff employed in the Premier's Office pursuant to Section 69 of the Public Sector Management Act are under the same obligations and duties as other public sector employees.

In particular the Premier's personal staff are:

- expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the standards established under Section 6 of the Public Sector Management Act including, but not limited to, the requirement to observe all relevant legislation.
- obliged to observe the requirements of Division 7 of Part 2 of the Public Sector Management Act relating to the duties of public sector employees including the duty to act honestly and duties with respect to conflicts of interest.

In addition the Premier's staff are bound to act within the general law of the State as it applies to all persons including Part 7 of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act relating to offences of a public nature.

Under the terms of the contract of employment entered into by the Premier's staff their employment may be terminated *inter alia* if they:

- are guilty of disgraceful or improper conduct in an official capacity or are guilty in a private capacity of disgraceful or improper conduct that reflects seriously and adversely on the government.
- make improper use of property of the Crown.

- are charged with any criminal offence relating to fraud or dishonesty.
 - are convicted of any criminal offence relating to fraud, dishonesty, assault or any offence in respect of the safety of any person.
- The question as to whether conduct is appropriate or proper is to be determined on the facts and law applying in the particular circumstances of any case. It would not be appropriate or useful to make broad generalisations in the absence of specific facts.

DEFENCE INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Department of Trade and Economic Development have advised that for the financial year 2003-04, a total of \$161 000 was attributed to the Defence Teaming Centre.

Total approved funding for the Defence Teaming Centre for the financial year 2004-05 includes \$130 000 for the promotion of State Defence Exports and a further \$334 000 for salaries, marketing and other operational costs. This additional funding reflects the increased defence activity to be pursued in the state.

The total cost of expenditure for the Defence Industry Advisory Board, including board fees and other relevant expenditure is \$168 000 per year.

GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

Please note that the 2004-05 State Budget requires no new savings to be made from Arts SA's grants programs.

In June 2004, \$100 000 was allocated to Arts SA for youth arts, to be shared among the youth performing arts companies funded through the South Australian Youth Arts Board.

Further, from 2005-06, this money will not only become ongoing, it will double to \$200 000. These funds will be allocated from within Arts SA's budget. From July 2005, these funds will be directed to the pool of funds overseen by SAYAB's peer assessment process. As a substantial bonus, indexation will apply to this amount from 2006-07.

This is an ongoing commitment which amounts to a minimum \$700 000 extra to youth arts over the next four years, and is a big investment in the creative future of our State.

The 2003-04 grants and subsidies expenditure includes the first \$100 000 payment and is consequently reflected in the 2003-04 estimated result of net cost of services from activities in the Arts SA statement of financial performance (Budget Paper 4 volume 1 page 1.39). This expenditure is also reflected under grants and subsidies, and hence the net cost of services, in program information for program 3 (Budget Paper 4 volume 1 page 1.37).

The future payments of \$200 000 per annum will be reflected in the same format in future budget papers.

CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that:

The amount of \$24 881.86 has been spent on credit cards by employees within Arts SA Central and Artlab during the 2003-04 financial year. In the 2001-02 financial year employees within Arts SA Central and Artlab spent \$42 584.93 on credit cards. We are unable to estimate how much will be spent in 2004-05 as the amount varies from year to year.

Attached is a breakdown for each of the financial years. It shows expenditure per section detailing how much was spent on each expenditure type, including accommodation costs.

Total Expenditure on Credit Cards for Arts SA Central & Artlab from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

Description	Arts Industry Development	Business Services	Lead Agencies & Executive	Artlab	Total for Arts SA & Artlab
Staff Development	-	-	-	1,263.10	1,263.10
Recruitment	144.47	-	-	-	144.47
Seminar/Conferences	1,546.37	-	-	3,256.48	4,802.85
Motor Vehicle Expenses	26.37	1,424.55	84.01	-	1,534.93
Travel/Accommodation	5,240.90	-	3,394.52	10,480.26	19,115.68
Taxi	303.76	-	310.13	159.89	773.78
Entertainment	629.91	-	391.92	1,575.60	2,597.43
Entertainment FBT	293.33	-	456.00	1,379.49	2,128.82
Newspapers, Books, etc	-	-	-	770.50	770.50
Computer Charges	-	-	-	515.80	515.80
Newspapers, Periodicals, Mag	86.50	-	-	-	86.50
Memberships/Subscriptions	522.50	5.00	182.03	1,242.41	1,951.94
Minor Equipment	-	-	-	1,786.64	1,786.64
Functions	168.00	-	-	-	168.00
Materials	-	-	-	3,825.93	3,825.93
Sundry Payments	999.05	-	93.46	26.05	1,118.56
Total Per Section	9,961.16	1,429.55	4,912.07	26,282.15	\$42,584.93

Total Expenditure on Credit Cards for Arts SA Central & Artlab from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Description	Arts Industry Development	Business Service	Lead Agencies & Executive	Artlab	Total for Arts SA & Artlab
Staff Development	-	-	-	354.55	354.55
Seminar/Conferences	-	970.46	45.46	2,199.11	3,215.03
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	1,022.73	67.28	-	1,090.01
Travel/Accommodation	333.97	-	1,446.50	2,429.94	4,210.41
Taxi	-	-	176.47	-	176.47
Entertainment	96.46	25.00	189.85	1,514.45	1,825.76
Entertainment FBT	53.32	39.83	369.92	746.03	1,209.10
Newspapers, Books, etc	-	-	-	811.10	811.10
Computer Charges	-	-	-	162.83	162.83

Total Expenditure on Credit Cards for Arts SA Central & Artlab from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Description	Arts Industry Development	Business Service	Lead Agencies & Executive	Artlab	Total for Arts SA & Artlab
Software Licences & Purchases				221.05	221.05
Memberships/Subscriptions	-	-	-	773.81	773.81
Projects	212.91	-	-	-	212.91
Minor Equipment	-	-	-	755.38	755.38
Hire, Lease, Rent Equipment	-	-	-	310.00	310.00
Materials	-	-	-	7,855.41	7,855.41
Sundry Payments	197.29	65.65	243.35	1,191.75	1,698.04
Total Per Section	893.95	2,123.67	2,538.83	19,325.41	\$24,881.86

WRIGHT, Mr B.

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that Mr Brenton Wright has been engaged by the government under a contract for services. This engagement is not under normal conditions of employment. The terms of engagement are such that Mr Wright is not considered to be an employee.

The Accounting Policy Statements issued by the Treasurer in accordance with the Public Finance and Audit Act provide definitions of contractor and consultant.

- A 'consultant' means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative;

- A 'contractor' means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which that task is to be performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions of employment is not a feasible alternative.

Based upon these definitions the Department has defined Mr Wright as a contractor for financial reporting purposes.

TVSPS

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised three TVSPs were provided in Arts SA during 2003-04.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Auditor-General has provided the following information in relation to the Auditor-General's Department, in response to the omnibus questions asked of the Premier:

1. Did all departments and agencies reporting to—in this case the Premier—met all required budget savings targets for 2002-03 and 2003-04 budgets? If not, what specific proposed project and program cuts were not implemented?

The department agreed to a savings target of \$230 000 on specific items during 2002-03 and although those saving targets were achieved for the specific items, the Department sought and obtained additional funding of \$655 000 during the year, to undertake certain special investigation work and to alleviate cost pressures associated with the department's salaries and wages budget.

The department did not agree to a savings target during 2003-04.

2. Will the Premier provide a detailed breakdown of expenditure on consultants over \$5 000 in 2003-04 for all departments and agencies reporting to the Premier, listing the name of the consultant, cost, work undertaken and method of appointment?

Information is provided in the attachment table.

3. For each department or agency reporting to the Premier, how many surplus employees are there and, for each surplus employee, what is the title or classification and the TEC of the employee?

There are no surplus employees within the Auditor-General's Department.

4. In the financial year 2002-03, for all departments and agencies reporting to the Premier, what underspending on projects

and programs was not approved by cabinet for carryover expenditure in 2003-04?

The Auditor-General's Department's did not carry forward its under expenditure in 2002-03 to 2003-04 with the exception of Special Investigation funding totalling \$301 000 which was carried forward from 2002-03 to 2003-04.

5. For all departments and agencies reporting to the Premier, what is the estimated level of under expenditure for 2003-04, and has cabinet approved any carryover expenditure into 2004-05?

The Auditor-General's Department's estimated level of under recurrent expenditure for 2003-04 is \$305 000 comprising \$81 000 on Prescribed Audits and \$224 000 on Special Investigations. Cabinet currently has not approved any carryover expenditure into 2004-05. The department will, however, be requesting the Under Treasurer's approval to carryover the under expenditure associated with special investigations into 2004-05 to finalise the special investigations.

The Auditor-General's Department's estimated level of under capital expenditure for 2003-04 is \$115 000. Cabinet currently has not approved any carryover expenditure into 2004-05. The department will, however, be requesting the Under Treasurer's approval to carryover the under expenditure into 2004-05.

6. (i) What was the total number of employees with a total employment cost of \$100 000 or more per employee? As a sub-category what was the total number of employees with a total employment cost of \$200 000 or more per employee for all departments and agencies reporting to the Premier as at 30 June 2003?

There are seven employees (including the Auditor-General who is a statutory office holder) with a total employment cost of \$100 000 or more.

There is one statutory office holder with a total employment cost of \$200 000 or more.

(ii) What is the estimate for 30 June 2004?

There are seven employees (including the Auditor-General who is a statutory office holder) with a total employment cost of \$100 000 or more.

There is one employee with a total employment cost of \$200 000 or more.

(iii) Between 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2004, will the Premier list job title and total employment cost of each position with a total employment cost of \$100 000 or more which (a) has been abolished and (b) which has been created?

Between 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2004, there were no positions created or abolished with a total employment cost of \$100 000 or more.

7. For all departments and agencies reporting to the Premier, are there any examples since March 2003 where federal funds have not been received in South Australia, or will not be received during the forward estimates period, because the state government has not been prepared to provide state funds for federal-state agreements? If so, what issues and what level of government funds have been lost or will be lost?

There are no examples of application to the Auditor-General's Department, since March 2003, where federal funds have not been received in South Australia, or will not be received during the forward estimates period, because the state government has not been prepared to provide state funds for federal-state agreements.

Attachment

Consultancies in Excess of \$5 000—2003-04			
Consultant Name	Expenditure	Nature of Work Assignment	Method of Appointment
Consultancies Associated with Prescribed Audits			
Deloitte Touche Tomhatsu	9 600	Provision of assistance with the conduct of two peer reviews of audit work in December 2003	Direct Negotiation
Deloitte Touche Tomhatsu	19 200	Provision of assistance with the conduct of four peer reviews of audit work in the period March 2004 to May 2004	Direct Negotiation
KJ Bockmann Consulting Services	15 210	Professional services associated with the production of the Auditor-General's 2001-02 Annual Report to Parliament.	Direct Negotiation
Professor S Henderson	9 240	Provide advice in a number of areas including accounting/auditing and in the establishment of Departmental policies/procedures.	Direct Negotiation
Consultancies Associated with Special Investigations			
Piper Alderman	54 073	Work associated with the conduct of the review of the State Emergency Services: McLaren Vale Ambulance Station.	Direct Negotiation
Australian Government Solicitor	9 995	Work associated with the conduct of the review of the State Emergency Services: McLaren Vale Ambulance Station.	Direct Negotiation
Trenowden & Associates	7 333	Work associated with the conduct of the review of the Process of Procurement of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Equipment (MRI) by the North Western Adelaide Health Service.	Direct Negotiation

FUNDING, FEDERAL

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (including Arts SA), and the Department of Trade & Economic Development have advised that there have been no examples since March 2003 where federal funds have not been received in South Australia, or will not be received during the forward estimates period, because the state government has not been prepared to provide state funds for federal-state agreements.

SURPLUS EMPLOYEES

In reply to various members.

The Hon. M.D. RANN: The Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment has provided the following information on behalf of those Ministers asked the question:

As at 30 June 2004 there were 475 excess employees not placed in ongoing positions, a reduction of 73 since 1 July 2003. Of these, 248 were either in long term funded placements or did not need placement for other reasons; while the remaining 227 required alternative long term placement.

The breakdown of these 227 by each portfolio agency and salary groupings at 30 June 2004 is as follows:

Salary Group	DAIS	DECS	DFEEST	DHS	Justice	PIRSA	DTUP	DTF	Unattached	Total
up to \$33,000	30	1	10	0	11	1	4	0	0	57
\$33,000 - \$38,000	12	0	9	2	2	0	3	0	0	28
\$38,000 - \$43,000	15	2	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	26
\$43,000 - \$49,000	5	2	11	9	0	3	0	0	0	30
\$49,000 - \$58,000	6	1	19	3	2	1	1	0	0	33
\$58,000 - \$64,000	3	6	1	4	2	0	0	0	1	17
\$64,000 - \$72,000	6	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	13
\$72,000 - \$78,000	2	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	10
More than \$78,000	0	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	4	13
Total	79	17	55	32	21	6	9	1	7	227

The principal classifications are Weekly Paid (86 employees) and Administrative Services Officers (85 employees).

PUBLIC SERVICE EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that in the last five years of the previous Liberal Government, there was an increase of 189 executives employed within the public service. This includes an increase of 89 executives in the financial year ended 30 June 02. These figures are based on the South Australian Public Sector Workforce Information report, which relies on data to be reported by each agency as at 30 June each year.

STATE STRATEGIC PLAN TARGETS

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that the Target T6.9 from the State Strategic Plan is:

Have over 50 per cent of government and non-government schools participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge Program by 2006.

Data collected in May 2004 shows that of the 805 schools in South Australia (government and non-government), 541 had signed up for the Premier's Reading Challenge. This represents 67 per cent of

schools and is spread across the government and non-government sectors.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I have been advised that the \$1.626 million variance relates to the following items:

\$877 000 relates to the termination payment for Bruce Guerin from the Unattached Unit; \$151 000 was transferred to the Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment from the Social Inclusion Board for a project to assist mainstream health, housing and community service providers to more effectively engage with and provide services to Aboriginal people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and the remainder of the variance relates to a reallocation of overhead charges as a result of these direct increases in funding to the sub-program.

DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET, SAVINGS

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN.**

The Hon. M.D. RANN: I am advised that as part of the 2003-04 budget the Department of the Premier and Cabinet committed to savings of \$4.155 million in 2004-05. These savings initiatives were listed on pages 2.8 and 2.9 of the 2003-04 Budget Statement. This total does not include the additional savings committed to by Arts SA on those pages.

All of the savings listed have been achieved during 2003-04.

The variance between the 2003-04 estimated result and the 2003-04 budget (\$2.5 million) result relates primarily to the transfer of functions to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet from the Department of Business, Manufacturing and Trade. These include:

- The transfer of \$420 000 to establish an Economic Development Framework Implementation Unit.
- A transfer of \$200 000 to establish a population unit.
- A transfer of \$625 000 in relation to the transfer of the Business and Skilled Migration Unit (Immigration SA).

Also contributing to the variance was:

- Additional funding of \$877 000 to fund the payout for Bruce Guerin, as published in the Mid Year Budget Review.
- Additional funding of \$250 000 to install solar panels on Parliament House, now expected to be installed in early 2004-05.

The variance does not relate to the \$4.155 million in savings initiatives included in the 2003-04 budget and successfully achieved during 2003-04.

CONSULTANTS, EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE.**

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Commissioner of Police has advised that SAPOL engaged two consultants where the expenditure was greater than \$5 000 during 2003-04.

The following details are provided for your information:

Name of consultant	Cost * \$,000	Work Undertaken	Method of Employment
Colliers International Pty Ltd	45	Strategic review of training facilities	Full tender
Connell Wagner Pty Ltd	7	Energy audit	Full tender

* All costs shown are GST exclusive

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE.**

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The South Australian Police (SAPOL) apply the definitions contained in DTF Accounting Policy Statement 13 to differentiate between consultants and contractors.

The definition of a consultant is a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative.

The definition of a contractor is a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which the task is to be performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions of employment is a feasible alternative.

The Commissioner of Police has advised that in the 2003-04 financial year SAPOL did not use any contractors that were previously classed as consultants.

POLICE HOLDING CELLS

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE.**

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:

(a) In relation to why the number of prisoners processed through police holding facilities dropped from an actual figure in 2002-03 of 34 951 to an estimated result in 2003-04 of 23 475 the Commissioner of Police has advised the following:

The predicted decline in the number of prisoners is consistent with an overall decline in most offence categories. Actual 2003-04 figures for the number of prisoners processed through police holding facilities are currently being compiled and early data confirms a reduction in the number of prisoners processed. Estimated results may vary from actual results due to data collection processes.

(b) In relation to why the target for the number of prisoners processed through police holding facilities for 2004-05 is 23 000 prisoners, the Commissioner of Police has advised the following:

For this indicator, the target for the new financial year is based on the estimated result of the current financial year, given actual figures are not available at the time of budget paper preparation. The 2004-05 figure of 23 000 prisoners was accordingly based on the then available estimated figure for 2003-04.

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE.**

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Commissioner of Police has advised that annual activity surveys are conducted by SAPOL for Northern and Southern Operations Service. Data reflecting time spent on various activities by police is collected by survey for a one week period at 4 Local Service Areas. To ensure an accurate representation of the wider workforce the sample is drawn from various sections within the four LSA's. The various sections are Criminal Investigation Branch, Community Programs Section, Criminal Justice Section, Intelligence Section, Traffic Section and the police stations and patrol areas within the operational sections. This information is used to allocate resources within Northern and Southern Operations Services to programs and sub programs. There are movements in programs and sub programs that reflect shifts in policing activities performed.

This methodology has been applied for some years now and is used for the Portfolio Statements, year end audited financial statements and in the Report on Government Services produced by the Productivity Commission.

The decrease in employee expenses and supplies and services for the Public Order Program from the 2003-04 Budget to the 2003-04 Estimated Result reflects a shift in resources between programs that was an outcome of the 2003-04 activity survey. Whilst Public Order reduced, other programs increased. These include Crime Prevention, Road Safety and Emergency Response & Management. The decrease in employee expenses and supplies and services is partly offset by increased funding for additional police resources (200 extra police over 3 years) and the one off Hand Gun Buy Back scheme in 2003-04.

Supplies and Services consist of expenditure for items such as accommodation, computing and communications, motor vehicles and other administration items. There has been a decrease in the total Supplies and Services budget from the 2003-04 Estimated Result to the 2004-05 Budget of \$4.7 million, however \$9.5 million relates to one off expenditure funding for the Hand Gun Buy Back scheme in 2003-04. When excluded, the 2004-05 supplies and services budget has increased by \$4.8 million which reflects additional funding for such initiatives as additional police resources (200 extra police over 3 years), AP land support and phase 2 of the Road Safety Reform Initiative.

It should be noted that overall there was an increase in SAPOL's budget in 2004-05 compared to 2003-04.

POLICE PRESENCE, WESTFIELD MARION

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Commissioner of Police advises that the policing of Westfield Marion is undertaken by the Sturt Local Service Area.

In response to the evolving growth of the centre Police have continually reassessed staffing levels to ensure an effective service is provided. In June 2004 dedicated staffing levels at Westfield Marion were reduced by 2 as part of a reallocation of staff within the Local Service Area to establish a Uniform Tactical Team of 12 personnel. The objective of this team is to improve the policing of licensed premises and late night entertainment venues within the Sturt Local Service Area, including those at Westfield Marion.

I am further advised that consultation has occurred with management of Westfield Marion as part of the process to enhance the policing of licensed premises and reduce community concern with regard to the antisocial behaviour that is often associated with such venues.

The Commissioner of Police has advised me that the policing service to Westfield Marion has not diminished.

ESCOSA COMMISSIONERS' REMUNERATION

In reply to **Hon. W.A. MATTHEW**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information:

As I noted in my initial response to the honourable member, the Chairperson of the Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA)

is a full time position. As such, the salary paid to Mr Lew Owens reflects this fact and the responsibilities of his role. Mr Owens' salary is in the order of \$250 000 per annum.

As you know, there are now three part-time Commissioners, Professor Richard Blandy, the Hon Stephen Baker and Professor Sue Richardson, all appointed earlier this year pursuant to section 13 of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2002*. Pursuant to that Act the terms and conditions including remuneration of all of the Commissioners are as determined by the Governor. Each of the part-time Commissioners receives total annual remuneration of \$50 000.

The remuneration for all Commissioners was approved based on advice from the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment who I am advised provides remuneration advice for other Government appointed Boards and Committees.

Most of ESCOSA's funding comes from licence fees from licensed electricity and gas industry participants. The remainder is a State budget appropriation for the regulatory functions it performs in the areas of rail (with a contribution from the Northern Territory Government for the Adelaide to Darwin railway) and ports, while SA Water has funded ESCOSA's review of water pricing processes.

CONSULTANTS

In reply to **The Hon. W.A. MATTHEW**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information:

In reply to the Omnibus Question on the Expenditure on Consultants in 2003-04 for the LMC, please find attached the requested breakdown.

External Consultants 2003-04

Consultant	Service	Appointment Method	\$
Bestec Pty Ltd	Edinburgh Parks - Electrical Services Study	Selected Tender	25,000
Citisolutions	Port Waterfront Redevelopment - Place Management Concepts	Direct Negotiation	16,703
Coffey Geosciences	Northfield Dairy/Morris Hospital - Environmental Audit	Direct Negotiation	6,090
Connor Holmes Consulting	Darlington - Feasibility and Urban Design	Direct Negotiation	16,097
Connor Holmes Consulting	Andrews Farm - Structure Plan	Selected Tender	7,000
Connor Holmes Consulting	Northfield - Stage 3 Pre-feasibility Study	Selected Tender	55,000
Connor Holmes Consulting	Meyer Oval - Residential Feasibility Study	Selected Tender	9,500
Environmental & Earth Sciences	Seaford Meadows - Shooting Range Remediation Options	Selected Tender	10,000
GHD Pty Ltd	Edinburgh Parks - Master Plan & Concept Design	Selected Tender	56,731
GHD Pty Ltd	Port Waterfront Redevelopment - Wharf Assessment	Selected Tender	27,500
Golder Associates	Port Waterfront Redevelopment - Geotechnical Site Assessment	Selected Tender	48,000
Jensen Planning & Design	Lochiel Park - Green Village Development Options	Direct Negotiation	20,328
Kaurna Aboriginal Community Heritage Association	Mawson Lakes - Heritage Monitoring Services	Direct Negotiation (Traditional Land-owners)	60,117
Martin F Aylard & Associates	Garden Island - Technical & Commercial Options	Direct Negotiation	5,862
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Edinburgh Parks - Traffic Programming Study	Direct Negotiation	15,775
Primary Industry Resources	Playford/Gawler Area - Rural Evaluation	Direct Negotiation (Government Department)	12,155
Resource & Environmental Management	Snowdens Beach/Meyer Oval - Groundwater Assessments	Selected Tender	8,884
Resource & Environmental Management	Brompton - Strategic Advice on Remediation Matters	Selected Tender	95,000
Resource & Environmental Management	Port Waterfront Redevelopment - Environmental Audit Precinct 1	Selected Tender	6,263
Soil and Groundwater Pty Ltd	Largs Bay - Environmental Investigations Former Fuel Depot	Selected Tender	6,642
Tonkin Consulting	Cast Metals Precinct - Master Plan Stage 2	Selected Tender	41,520
United KG Pty Ltd	Edinburgh Parks - Assessment of RAAF Stores Building	Selected Tender	7,500
University of Adelaide	Port Waterfront Redevelopment - Housing Analysis	Direct Negotiation	27,120
Urban Water Resources Centre—Uni SA	Opportunities & Costs of Water Sensitive Urban Design	Selected Tender	12,000
Total Expenditure			\$596,787

Note: The net expenditure for 2003-04 of \$551,302 is lower than gross payments as shown above, as a number of June 2003 year end accruals based on conservative estimates were higher than the actual amount incurred, which resulted in a saving this financial year.

Consultant Expenditure in the Projects Analysis Branch in 2003-04 was as follows:

Consultant Expenditure			
Consultant	Description of Purpose/Outcome	Amount \$	Engagement Method
Connell Wagner Pty Ltd	Advisory services for State Aquatic Centre (PPP)	383,659	Tender
Equity & Advisory Ltd	Advisory services for womens prison (PPP)	10,045	No tender
KPMG	Advisory services for SAPOL/Courts Administration Authority (PPP)	414,221	Tender
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Advisory services for Womens Prison/Youth Detention Centre (PPP)	12,769	Tender
Savant	Advisory services for Supreme Court (PPP)	184,926	Tender
Leadenhall Aust Ltd	Advisory services for Adelaide Entertainment Centre (PPP)	152,013	Tender
Total		1,157,633	

I wish to advise that the Office for Infrastructure Development was included in the Department for Administrative and Information Services Response to Minister Wright.

The Energy Group within Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) have employed 4 consultancies at a cost of \$71k to 31 May 2004. Details of consultancies over \$5,000 are provided in the table below.

Consultancies			
Consultant	Purpose	\$'000	Method
The Allen Consulting Group	To provide program management and expert economic advice to NGPAC	42,000	Tender/Expression of Interest
Connell Wagner	Professional engineering advice	16,000	Tender/Expression of Interest
Allens Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks	To provide legal advice on the National Gas access code to NGPAC	12,000	Tender/Expression of Interest

The consultants (subject to a \$5000 minimum limit) engaged by the Microeconomic Reform and Infrastructure Branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance during 2003-04.

Consultants			
Brief name	Consultant	Expenditure to 30 June 2004	Engagement Method
SA Gas FRC Implementation	KPMG	\$118,788	Competitive Tender
SA Electricity FRC Implementation	KPMG	\$8,133	Competitive Tender
Advice and computer system work on Electricity Transfer Rebate and Energy Concession.	KPMG	\$236,015	Competitive Tender
Analysis of Origin retail price	Charles River Associates	\$86,331	Competitive Tender
Analysis of Envestra Capital and Operating Costs	Charles River Associates	\$34,802	Competitive Tender
Tax advice on payment to specific gas entities	PriceWaterhouseCoopers	\$5,792	Competitive Tender
Policy Analyst Consultant on MCE National Energy Market reforms	Charles River Associates	\$44,923	Competitive Tender
Short-term forward market	Charles River Associates	\$32,000	Competitive Tender
Total (GST exclusive)		\$566,784	

The SA Country Fire Service (CFS) contracted 13 consultancies over the course of 2003-04, with a total cost of \$31,549. Consultancies exceeding \$5,000 are as follows:

Consultancies			
Consultant	Cost \$	Description	Method of Appointment
Myhill Partners	7,234	Set up and structure of CFS Foundation	Initial request was below \$5,000. Additional work required extension of agreement.
Locher & Associates	5,940	Valuation of properties	Waiver of tender due to specialist area and remote location requirements.
Austin Williams	7,316	Publicity and Promotions Marketing Plan	Waiver of tender.

The SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) contracted 9 consultancies over the course of 2003-04, with a total cost of \$35,943. Consultancies exceeding \$5,000 are as follows:

Consultant	Cost \$	Description	Method of Appointment
Valcorp	7,540	Valuation of property and appliances	Open tender
Williams Alexander	14,135	Firefighter recruitment and selection	Expression of interest requested from 3 specialist organisations

MOUNT TORRENS CFS STATION

In response to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information:

A proposed extension in the form of a transportable room added to the rear of the Mount Torrens Country Fire Service (CFS) Station in the 2003-04 financial year failed to obtain building approval. Heritage SA opposed building approval on the grounds that the addition would not conform to the recently obtained heritage status of the Mount Torrens township. In addition, Heritage SA also strongly urged enhancements to the existing Station to ensure that the Station was in sympathy with surrounding buildings. Those enhancements included a pitched roof and rendering of the external walls. As a result of these requirements, the proposed transportable addition became a welcome addition to the Cudlee Creek CFS Station.

On 2 June 2004, an on-site meeting was held at the Mount Torrens CFS Station between CFS Land and Building Services personnel, brigade members, representatives from the Adelaide Hills Council and Heritage SA. As a result of that meeting, the Adelaide Hills Council (as owners of the building) has applied for a Heritage Grant, administered by the Department of Environment & Heritage, to assist with the expense of upgrading the existing improvements. It is understood that Heritage SA is currently assessing grant applications and successful applications will be advised by late July 2004.

The CFS has been advised approval of the addition is not contingent on the enhancements to the existing structure being undertaken, but any proposed addition must reflect the historic built form of the township. The CFS is currently exploring alternative construction materials suggested by Heritage SA to ensure any proposed addition would be acceptable.

It is anticipated by the CFS that an acceptable addition will be approved and the allocation of funding will be available for construction to commence in the 2005-06 financial year.

EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION UNIT

In response to **Hon. W.A. MATTHEW**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information:

As reported on page 4.11 of the 2004-05 Portfolio Statements, Budget paper 4, Volume 1, the Emergency Services Administrative Unit is budgeted to have 148.6 FTEs, as at 30 June 2004. This includes 32.0 FTEs for the SA State Emergency Service (SES).

The creation of the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission will see many of these staff transferred to the SES, SA Country Fire Service and SA Metropolitan Fire Service.

CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Hon. W.A. MATTHEW**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: The Minister for Infrastructure has provided the following information:

A 'consultant' means a person who is engaged by an *entity* for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative.

A 'contractor' means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which that task is to be performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions of employment is a feasible alternative.

In the Projects Analysis Branch no consultants were reclassified as Contractors.

7. (ii) What is the value of their contracts and what are the services that they provide?

Not applicable.

PRESCRIBED BURNING

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information:

The SA Country Fire Service (CFS) has been involved with the application of prescribed burning in national and conservation parks with the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH).

During the 2003-04 season, in contrast to past practice, DEH introduced a strategic approach to the use of fire for the management of fuel loads and biodiversity on public land.

DEH has conducted 28 prescribed burns in the State since the spring of 2003, totalling 550.3 hectares. Ten of these burns, totalling 97.8 hectares, were conducted in the parks of the Mount Lofty Ranges with the primary purpose of protection of community assets from bushfire.

While the extent of burns was limited by weather conditions and the need for developing DEH fire management expertise, there has been positive feedback from adjoining property owners about the DEH program.

The DEH prescribed burning program has finished for the season and planning is about to commence for the 2004-05 season. It is expected that, as a consequence of increased skills and knowledge gained from the 2003-04 season, there will be more areas managed by using fire.

Burns are proposed for Ansteys Hill Conservation Park but will be subject to the planning process.

RANDOM DRUG TESTING

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. T.G. ROBERTS: I advise that between the 1 January 1997 and 31 May 2004, 299 random drug tests were conducted. Of those 45 proved positive.

HOME DETENTION

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

The Hon. T.G. ROBERTS: I advise that:

Between 2001-03, there were approximately 1360 males and 85 female prisoners in the prison system each day. Of these, for the full year from January to December 2002, 471 (35 per cent) male and 24 (28 per cent) female prisoners applied for home detention.

Additionally, of those who applied for home detention over this period:

- 83 per cent of female prisoners received approval compared to 56 per cent of male prisoners; and
- 12 per cent of female prisoners received home detention in excess of 340 days compared to 3 per cent of male prisoners.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF, DISCIPLINARY ACTION

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

The Hon. T.G. ROBERTS: I advise that:

My officers have reviewed the minutes of the Correctional Services Advisory Council, referred to by the honourable member in his questions on the 17 June 2004. Unfortunately they do not provide details, therefore assumptions have had to be made as to the particular cases involved.

There were several instances that occurred around that time, where investigations had revealed that officers of the Department for Correctional Services had exhibited inappropriate behaviour. Whilst I cannot identify the individual cases for reasons of confidentiality, I can say that in one instance an officer's employment was terminated.

HEROIN USE

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. T.G. ROBERTS: I advise that:

The information provided to the Correctional Services Advisory Council regarding the use of heroin in the South Australian prison system was based on similar findings collected in New South Wales in 2001.

There is no empirical data to validate this comment, which was solely based on the opinion of the presenter concerned.

However, anecdotal evidence seems to suggest that heroin use in South Australian prisons is comparable to other jurisdictions. Drug use in the community varies in different states and regions, and drug use in South Australia is certainly different to usage in New South Wales, a trend that is most likely replicated in the prison system.

In all correctional jurisdictions, the interruption of the supply of drugs to prisoners is critical to the safe and secure management of prisoners. In South Australia, every prison has a number of detection strategies that include:

- searching, both targeted and random;
- intelligence, with intelligence officers based in the larger prisons, monitoring telephone calls and mail and following up information provided by prisoners and police; and
- urinalysis testing, to identify possible drug usage.

In particular, anecdotal evidence would indicate that the gathering of intelligence in South Australian prisons, has been most effective in reducing the amount of drugs entering the prison system.

RN POSITIONS

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: I can confirm that 40 RN nursing undergraduate places were funded—25 at the University of South Australia and 15 at the Flinders University of South Australia for students who commenced study in 2001 and who are scheduled to complete their studies in 2004.

In 2002-03 a total of \$250 000 was provided to UniSA and Flinders University of SA (FUSA) to facilitate their restructure to support 100 places above their existing undergraduate quota for the start of the 2003 academic year. Of the 100 places 35 were designated for FUSA, 15 for the UniSA, Whyalla Campus and 50 for the UniSA, City East campus. The arrangement was that the universities will bear the full costs for the students' second and third years of study.

Funding was also provided to enable the University of Adelaide to develop a curriculum for an undergraduate program. A total of \$81 000 was provided over the financial years of 2001-02 and 2002-03. The curriculum was endorsed by the Nurses Board of South Australia in late 2003. The University of Adelaide has sought funding from the Commonwealth for additional students (Equivalent Full Time Student Units) in order to offer the program in 2005.

HOSPITALS, ANGASTON

In reply to **Mr VENNING**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The Department of Health is working closely with the management of the Angaston Hospital to determine a capital program to update its ageing facility to meet legislative and regulatory standards.

In 2003-04 and 2004-05, \$300 000 has been allocated to fund upgrades to ensure compliance with a quality and safety framework suitable for provision of medical services.

The cost of replacing the Angaston Hospital was estimated to be \$14 million in 2001. The estimate has risen to \$20 million based on inflation and 25 per cent country premiums for capital projects and the current maintenance costs are justified.

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

In reply to **Hon. R.B. SUCH**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The Epidemiology Branch, Department of Health maintains a population-based cancer registry providing clinicians and other primary health care services with timely information about prostate cancer in the community.

The Department of Health also supports hospital-based cancer registries, which assist in the optimising of diagnostic and treatment profiles for prostate cancer. This information is sought by treating clinicians.

Through the Primary Health Care Initiatives Program (known as "Mr PHIP"), the department has collaborated with the Cancer Council of South Australia and the Repatriation General Hospital to provide information to all general practitioners in South Australia. Mr PHIP assists general practitioners to better inform their patients. This initiative will be updated in late 2004.

REGISTERED/ENROLLED NURSES

In reply to **Hon. R.B. SUCH**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Over the past 6 years there has been a significant reduction in the number of nurses, both Registered Nurses (RN) and Enrolled Nurses (EN), who are actually registered or enrolled with the Nurses Board of South Australia (NBSA) but not actively working within the public or private health care system.

Statistics on the number of nurses not working within the public or private health care system is as follows:

Year	Est, Nursing Workforce Headcount	Nurses with NBSA active registrations/enrolments	% of registered/enrolled nurses not working in the nursing workforce
June 1998	14,852	22,292	33%
June 1999	15,016	22,337	33%
June 2000	17,682	22,346	21%
June 2001	19,246	22,715	15%
June 2002	20,574	23,638	13%
June 2003	21,294	24,530	13%

Source: Nurses' Board of South Australia (NBSA) Annual Report 2002-03, p8 and Nurse Labourforce Bulletin data, June 1998-03

In June 1998, it was estimated that 33 per cent of registered/enrolled nurses were not working in nursing. In June 2003, this was estimated to be 13 per cent.

FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

In reply to **Hon. R.B. SUCH**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Neurodevelopmental disorders caused by prenatal alcohol exposure are considered by the World Health Organisation as the leading cause of preventable intellectual disability in the industrialised world. It is now becoming apparent that a single binge of five or more standard drinks early in pregnancy can be detrimental.

The Department of Health (DH) funds two projects in an effort to reduce the incidence of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Foetal Alcohol Effects (FAE). They are:

- The Pregnancy and Alcohol Project (managed by the Centre for Health Promotion at the Women's and Children's Hospital)
- The 'Safest Choice—No Alcohol During Pregnancy Project' (a workforce development project coordinated jointly by the Flinders University School of Nursing and the Drug and Alcohol Services Council)

As part of the Pregnancy and Alcohol Project, a community education strategy has been developed targeting pregnant women, or women who may soon become pregnant, to inform them of the Foetal Alcohol Syndrome—Foetal Alcohol Effects public health message, which is that no alcohol is the safest choice during pregnancy. DH is developing communication strategies to increase the understanding of FAS and FAE amongst partners, families and other support persons of women who are, or may soon become pregnant.

A broad range of community workers and health professionals in contact with pregnant women or women who soon may become pregnant are being informed of the FAS—FAE public health message. These workers are being asked to reinforce the importance of the message with all pregnant women, but particularly with women from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The 'Safest Choice—No Alcohol During Pregnancy Project' is a workforce development project, complementing the community education initiative by providing information and training to a targeted group of health professionals who work with women who are or may soon become pregnant. It aims to build the capacity and develop intervention skills of practitioners to prevent and intervene in a timely manner to reduce the risk of FAS and FAE in South Australian children.

This project will work with Aboriginal Health Workers from SA regional centres to increase their understanding of the effects of alcohol on the foetus. Training in motivational counselling and brief intervention will also be offered to Aboriginal Health Workers and other health staff working in rural and remote areas to enable them to assist pregnant women to cease or reduce their alcohol intake.

In addition to these strategies, research is being conducted into alcohol exposure in early pregnancy. The SA Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science has been investigating mechanisms that causes birth abnormalities after alcohol exposure early in pregnancy in mice. The group has shown that zinc deficiency was a major contributing factor to alcohol-related physical abnormalities. Studies have also been conducted to test impairments in learning and mem-

ory. Offspring from alcohol-treated mothers were slower to learn and had poorer memory retention. A most significant finding was that cognitive deficits were not found in offspring from mothers given zinc and alcohol at the same time.

The group will now focus on the anatomical changes that occur in the brain after prenatal alcohol exposure and whether these are preventable by giving dietary zinc supplements throughout pregnancy.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT SCHEME

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Sub program 3.3 in the 2004-05 budget papers includes financial assistance provided to individuals through the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) and the South Australian Spectacles Scheme. In the 2003-04 budget, this subprogram also included funding for the Department of Human Services' client information centre, which was discontinued during 2003-04.

As demand for transport assistance is increasing, in addition to inflation costs, a further \$410 000 has been allocated to PATS in 2004-05 to meet the increase in demand.

NURSING AGENCIES

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: There has been a police investigation into allegations that gifts and gratuities have been offered by nursing agencies to hospitals. Initial police inquiries have failed to find any evidence in support of allegations of corruption. On two occasions the complainant was given the opportunity to attend a meeting with police but did not arrive. Messages were left by police for the complainant but they were not returned. The complainant has been asked to provide substantive evidence of corruption and he has failed to do so.

Unless evidence supportive of allegations of corruption are provided no other inquiries will be made by police.

There has been a Crown Solicitor's Office investigation into the Nurses Board Elections of 2002 and allegations that there were irregularities in the conduct of those elections.

The substance of the allegations was that financial and human resources of the Nurses Board were used to assist particular candidates for the 2002 election.

The investigation found that all candidates were entitled to use the resources offered by the Nurses Board and that there was no basis to allegations that the elections were not properly conducted.

COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: A hearing-impaired adult requiring a cochlear implant in South Australia may access the service via the public or private system. Public patients access the service via the Statewide Adult Cochlear Implantation Program based at Flinders Medical Centre (FMC). Surgical procedures for private patients have been predominantly performed at Flinders Private and St Andrews Hospital.

Until recently, the 'turning on' and lifetime audiological monitoring for both public and private adult patients was provided through Southern Audiological Services (SAS), a privatised audiology clinic located at FMC. From 19 July 2004, audiology services to private patients will be provided via a separate and fully privatised service located in the city. Audiology support to public patients will be provided by the FMC Audiology Department.

There are currently about 30 adults on the public waiting list for cochlear implants in South Australia. The implant procedure is a costly one and the Department of Health (DH) reimburses FMC \$35 032 per patient. This amount adequately covers the cost of the implant and surgical procedure. DH has recently reviewed the statewide program and its recommendations. As a result the government has agreed to increase the number of publicly funded cochlear implants for adults from two to five per year.

The government will also provide funding to FMC to increase the audiological support required to service the increased number of public patients receiving implants.

In South Australia, the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) is the only service provider for child implantation procedures. The WCH funds up to three implants a year, and in addition up to two are provided annually by the Variety Club. DH reimburses the WCH \$20 482 per patient and this adequately covers the cost of the implant and surgical procedure.

The audiology follow-up program after surgery may take place at the WCH audiology clinic (approximately two thirds of children) or at Cora Barclay Centre for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

The WCH provides follow-up for child implantees until the age of 21 years, at which time referral to an adult service is recommended. Cora Barclay utilises Medicare rebates for provision of audiology services.

INTRA GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The following clarification is provided on the impact of the reported correction of a misclassification of expenditure budget in past years (refer budget paper 4 vol 2 pg 7.110).

During 2003-04 it was identified that some budgeted expenditure to government health units was incorrectly reported as a "Grants and Subsidies" (expense normally used for payments to non government agencies) in the budget statements, when it should have been recorded as an "intra government transfer". The error was corrected in 2003-04 and involved \$67 million, with a further impact in 2004-05 of \$14 million. The correction impacts on the budget statements for Department of Human Services (DHS) and those for Incorporated Health and Disability Services Organisations.

For DHS, the correction involves a movement between expenditure classifications, but does not change the total expense budget for the department as reported in the Statement of Financial Performance (refer Budget Paper 4, vol 2 pg 7.57). The reclassification resulted in a reduction in "Grants and Subsidies" of \$67 million in 2003-04 (\$14 million in 2004-05) with a matching increase in "Intra Government Transfers". Given the nature of the adjustments, this realignment of expenditure has no impact upon the Department's net operating result, nor actual funding provided to health units.

A corresponding adjustment forms part of Statement of Financial Performance for Incorporated Health and Disability Services Organisations (refer, Budget Paper 4, vol 2 pg 7.104). The effect of the adjustments is an increase in budgeted Intra Government Transfer Revenues of \$67 million for 2003-04 (\$14 million in 2004-05) and a matching increase in total budgeted expenditure. The correction has no impact upon the net operating result for Incorporated Health and Disability Services Organisations.

The correction of misclassifications provides a more accurate description of the funding provided to health agencies in 2003-04. The corrections have been applied to the 2003-04 estimated result and also to the initial 2004-05 budget and therefore provide comparability between years.

LYELL MCEWIN HEALTH SERVICE

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: On 2 June 2004 there were six beds open in the Intensive Care Unit and 4 in the Coronary Care Unit of the Lyell McEwin Health Service.

In total the Intensive Care Unit has a bed capacity of 15 and the Coronary Care Unit has a bed capacity of 8.

DHS CAPITAL WORKS

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: During Estimates the Hon Dean Brown referred to a \$20 million savings initiative in the capital program outlined in Budget Paper 2.9, the correct reference is at page 2.29. This is an ongoing adjustment to the Capital Program that occurs on a regular basis to reflect changes in the timing of cash flows and emerging priorities.

The Capital Investment Statement, Budget Paper 5, Page 47, accounts for the variance between the 2003-04 Budget and the estimated result. The following Table identifies the projects that relate to the \$35.545 million underspend referred to in Budget Paper 5, Page 47. These figures represent adjustments as a result of the timing of cash flows. The Cabinet approved funding for the projects has not been reduced.

Variances—2003-04 Budget to estimated results	(\$ million)
LMHS Redevelopment Stage A	8.927
FMC—"Margaret Tobin" Mental Health Unit	7.870
Millicent Aged Care	4.008
IMS Minor Works-Health	3.673
RAH Linear Accelerators	3.600
Strathmont Centre	3.100
RGH Mental Health Unit	1.917
TQEH Redevelopment Stage 2	0.900

Variations—2003-04 Budget to estimated results (\$ million)	
Murray Bridge Redevelopment	0.800
Other Projects	0.750
	35.545

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Upon Julia Davison's departure as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the following interim acting arrangements were instigated at Flinders Medical Centre.

- Acting CEO commenced 16 February 2004. Higher duties allowance of \$20 000 per annum.
- Acting Deputy CEO commenced 2 February 2004. No higher duties allowance paid.

As a result of Director, Mental Health Services taking on the Acting Deputy CEO role, several interim arrangements were instigated which involved redirecting responsibilities, both clinical and non-clinical, to five people:

- The Clinical Director, Southern Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service awarded higher duties as Acting Director, Mental Health Services from 2 February to 30 September 2004 with an allowance of \$9 000 per annum.
- Program and Operations Manager temporarily appointed to Acting General Manager, Mental Health Services from 2 February to 30 September 2004. Higher duties allowance is \$1 474 per annum.
- The Clinical Director, Acute Mental Health Services has taken on additional duties and is not receiving any allowances.
- A Consultant has taken on duties of the Community Clinical Director (Marion, Carramar and Paterson East) from 2 February until 30 September 2004. An application has been made to the Medical Officers Standing Assessment Committee for a managerial allowance of \$4 612 per annum.
- Appointment of temporary part-time Clinical Operations Manager from 8 March 2004. Salary paid of \$33, 000 per annum.

All costs for the temporary arrangements in Mental Health Services have been paid for from the budgeted position of Director, Mental Health Services (now Acting Deputy CEO) and have in fact resulted in a cost saving of 0.3 full time equivalents of his salary.

Director, Finance & Business Services temporarily appointed to Director, Corporate Services from 16 February 2004: Payment of higher duties of \$13 000 per annum was being made to take on extra responsibilities for three additional departments/services. Arrangements ceased from 5 July 2004 when incumbent took on role as acting Chief Finance Officer, Southern Adelaide Health Service.

Two Managers, Finance & Business Services were awarded higher duties from 16 February to 30 July 2004 to take on extra responsibilities as a result of changes to duties for the Director, Business Services. Higher duties allowance paid was \$9 000 per annum each.

PATIENT ASSISTED TRANSPORT SCHEME, APY LANDS

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The gap in the funding of the Patient Assisted Transport Scheme (PATS) to the Nganampa Health Council has been an issue confronting the Department of Health (DH) for a number of years.

On 17 October 2002, I received a letter from John Singer, Director, Nganampa Health Council, seeking additional funding for Nganampa Health Council programs including the Patient Transport Scheme. Meetings were held between officers of DH and Nganampa Health Council in early 2003 concerning this matter.

In response, DH increased the 2003-04 allocation to the Nganampa Health Council for the Patient Transport Scheme by \$125 000 (including the \$100 000 of Treasury allocated monies referred to by the Chief Executive in his oral response on 22 June 2004) to a total allocation of \$401 600 in order to bridge the gap in funding.

COUNTRY HEALTH FUNDING

In reply to **Mrs PENFOLD**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Approximately 12 per cent of the funding related to hospital avoidance has been allocated for country clients. This proportion is based on Department of Health 2002-03 hospital separation data and reflects the number of country clients treated as public inpatients in metropolitan hospitals, as a proportion of the total number of clients treated in metropolitan hospitals. The funding is not allocated for any geographical area but is available to those patients who need the support.

The Home and Community Care (HACC) program assists in hospital avoidance by providing a range of home care services to the frail elderly, the younger disabled and their carers. These home care services are designed to retain function and independent living in the community thus avoiding inappropriate institutional care. At present, 29 per cent of HACC funding is directly allocated to country SA. The bulk of this money is allocated to health units, with the remainder being allocated to NGOs, community organisations and a couple of for-profit providers.

Also, because some Statewide agencies operate in rural areas as well (eg, Intellectual Disability Services Council and Meals on Wheels) a proportion of their HACC funds will be spent on country services. It is not possible to accurately calculate what this amounts to as a proportion of the total program spend, but it would probably be safe to say that around 30 per cent of all HACC funding ends up being spent on country services.

Organisations like the Royal District Nursing Service are HACC funded to provide services such as wound management and continence advice, thereby assisting older people with functional disabilities to remain independent. A package of home care using local services is made available to country clients, thereby facilitating early discharge.

Country residents receive some health services in metropolitan areas as a range of services, particularly specialty services, can not be delivered safely and efficiently in country areas where there are insufficient volumes to attract and retain suitably qualified medical staff. Renal transplant, initiation of renal dialysis, radiation oncology, cardiac surgery and obstetric services are examples of such services. A population based funding model is being developed to ensure appropriate shifts of services to country areas so that services can be provided closer to patients' residences. Shifts will occur where appropriately trained personnel and equipment become available.

RURAL JUNCTIONS

In reply to **Mr VENNING**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: It is not unusual for rural junctions to be unlit. The lit intersections along Sturt Highway are the result of a series of small projects undertaken by my department. Street lighting is included as part of the project when funding is available for road upgrading.

The main intersection on the Sturt Highway, including the installation of street lighting, will be upgraded this financial year.

The railway crossing on the road between Nuriootpa and Angaston is currently listed as a future project.

PROGRAM 1—POLICY COORDINATION, DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In reply to **The Hon. I.F. EVANS**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: My department has provided the following additional budget information relating to Program 1—Policy Coordination, Development and Investment Strategy on page 8.100 of Budget Paper 4 Volume 3 and in particular to sub-program 1.1—Urban and Regional Planning Strategies on page 8.101 of Budget Paper 4 Volume 3, which is a component of Program 1.

The net cost of this sub-program has reduced by \$4.785 million due to the following:

- a reduction in expenditure of \$2.645 million relating to the North Terrace redevelopment project in 2004-05 compared with the previous year;
- a reduction in Planning and Development Fund expenditure of \$0.965 million in 2004-05 compared with the previous year;
- an increase in Planning and Development Fund revenue of \$0.300 million in 2004-05 compared with the previous year; and
- a reallocation of expenditure from sub-program 1.1 to sub-program 1.2 (Development Policies) of \$0.800 million.

POST COMPULSORY EDUCATION

In reply to **Mr SCALZI**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: Higher Education completions in Information Technology, 2002

New South Wales	4 835
Victoria	6 397
Queensland	4 390
Western Australia	1 342
South Australia	578
Tasmania	258
Northern Territory	72
Australian Capital Territory	478

(source: Department of Education, Science and Training, Canberra) VET Student enrolments in Information Technology, 2003 (data on completions by field of study is not included in the annual publication)

New South Wales	27 800
Victoria	19 900
Queensland	9 000
Western Australia	7 600
South Australia	3 300
Tasmania	2 400
Northern Territory	1 200
Australian Capital Territory	2 000

(source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research;)

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) provides nationally consistent recognition of outcomes achieved in post compulsory education.

Within the Higher Education sector, an independent body, the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AQUA) audits universities over a five year rolling cycle to ensure that quality assurance mechanisms are in place. The University of Adelaide was audited in 2002 and the University of South Australia in 2003.

The Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) ensures the quality of vocational education and training services provided by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). RTOs are required to have documented systems, conduct an internal audit at least annually; use trainers and assessors with specified competencies; follow explicit requirements for quality assurance in assessment and follow specific requirements for developing, validating and implementing learning.

The Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) audits RTOs over a five year cycle. These audits are conducted by the Quality branch of the Employment and Skills Formation Directorate.

IT AND BIOTECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: The Minister for Small Business has provided the following information:

The network of 7 Business Enterprise Centres and the Salisbury Business and Export Centre will continue to provide support to small IT and biotechnology companies.

These services will include:

- Business start up, general information and advisory services
- Starting Your Own Business workshops
- Better Business Series workshops
- Business Owners Coaching Program
- Referrals to specialist agencies and relevant Commonwealth and State Government programs (such as Commercialising Emerging Technologies (COMET); Building on IT Strengths and R&D Start programs).

IT and biotechnology companies may also access additional services such as:

- Specialist services such as product development and supply chain management and Business Innovation Advisers through the Business Development Services division of DTED.
- First time export advice and assistance, including TradeStart, through the DTED.
- Investor Ready program through the Office of the Venture Capital Board.
- E-Business programs operated by DFEEST

Clearly Playford Capital and Biotechnology SA are focal points respectively for the development of the IT and biotechnology sectors.

JETSTAR

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: The Minister for Industry and Trade has provided the following information:

Representatives from Jetstar first approached the Government in early October 2003. Discussions commenced regarding the establishment of a new Australian domestic airline, potentially based in South Australia.

The company indicated that South Australia's cost competitive business environment and enviable industrial relations record positioned Adelaide as a possible head office and operations centre for the new airline.

Mindful of the commercial sensitivity associated with any discussions the company asked that a presentation be prepared and delivered to them no later than 28 October 2003. The then Office of Economic Development (OED) prepared a comprehensive business case that was presented to Jetstar within the 12 day time period.

The South Australian Tourism Commission, Department of Transport and Urban Planning, Adelaide City Council and Adelaide Airport Limited were consulted extensively during this period. Local business leaders contributed letters of support for the airline that helped highlight the broad base of support from across the business community in South Australia.

The commercial case highlighted South Australia's lower labour and accommodation costs, Adelaide's low cost of living and the high quality lifestyle available. This combined, provided a stable and flexible workforce capable of meeting the needs of an airline company. A relatively low cost suite of South Australian Government assistance was also included which incorporated an element of payroll tax relief.

A formal presentation led by the Treasurer, as acting Minister for Economic Development and accompanied by representatives from the Office of Economic Development was made to Jetstar on 7 November 2003.

Unfortunately South Australia's bid was not successful and Jetstar chose Melbourne for its headquarters.

South Australia's bid was both timely and comprehensive. Margaret Jackson, Chairman of Qantas in a letter received on 26 November 2003, endorsed this and I quote "*I would like to commend you for leading such a professional and indeed insightful campaign in highlighting the economic and lifestyle benefits of the case for South Australia. I was particularly impressed to read the many individual commitments you have secured from local businesses willing to support this exciting new venture.*"

My department along with the Department of Transport and Urban Planning and the SA Tourism Commission continue to engage Jetstar. The initial fleet resource is limited and has been concentrated on high volume east-coast routes. As additional aircraft become available we will work with them to ensure operations commence in South Australia as early as possible.

CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: A consultant means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative.

A contractor means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which that task is to be performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions of employment is a feasible alternative.

The following is a list of companies that have previously provided consultancy work but are now providing contracting work in 2003-04.

Listed is the name of the company, payments made and services received in 2003-04.

Companies such as Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd, KBR, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Connell Wagner generally provide services as a contractor but on occasions, due to their multi-disciplinary team and skills do provide tasks where the skills and knowledge are not available in my Department. This list related to services engaged by Transport Services, Transport Planning, Office of Public Transport and Planning SA.

Company	Service	2003-04 Exp
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Network analysis & consultation for Northern Adel National Highways link	5,000
Rebecca Giles Consulting	Water Quality Monitoring marine ingress management Glenelg & West Beach	5,000
Tonkin Consulting	Work on Bus Lanes Main North Rd	6,000
Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd	Provide ad hoc professional services with operational management Southern Expressway	6,000

Company	Service	2003-04 Exp
Sonus Acoustics	Transport Noise Policy Review	7,000
QED Pty Ltd	Biodiesel Bus Conversion Multi Lateral	7,000
Vipac Engineers & Scientists	Transport Noise Policy Review	8,000
Sandland Consulting	Disposal of Land - Southern Expressway	8,000
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Adhoc financial assistance with Port River Expressway Project	12,000
QED Pty Ltd	Assessment of Public Safety Risk	18,000
Capital Strategies	Rail Standardisation	18,000
Evans & Peck	Assistance to review the process for establishing a benchmark price for the South and Hanson Rd Overpasses.	23,000
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Update Stage 2&3 Economic Evaluation	26,000
Apelbaum Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Biodiesel Bus Conversion Multi Lateral	27,000
SA Freight Council Incorporated	Fuel Supply Chain Project	50,000
Halcrow	Contractor assisting in the drafting of the technical specification for the tram tender documents	54,000
Evans & Peck	Assistance with the development of the contractual documentation and tender process evaluation issues Port River Expressway Stages 2 & 3	89,000
Alistair Tutte Pty Ltd	Investigation of planning policy controls for retail centres	6,818
Harrison Market Research	Customer satisfaction survey	5,400
Hassell Pty Ltd	Mawson Lakes PAR	5,500
Hassell Pty Ltd	Floodplain Par	15,350
Jensen Planning & Design	Tasks associated with Better Development Plans project	57,412
Jensen Planning & Design	Port Waterfront PAR review	15,404
Jensen Planning & Design	Hills Face Zone PAR	38,500
Kellog Brown & Root Pty Ltd	Review of Metro Adelaide Planning Strategy	31,417
Kellog Brown & Root Pty Ltd	Assist in the Metro Adelaide Infrastructure Survey	8,160
Kellog Brown & Root Pty Ltd	Development of Infrastructure Plan for North	5,500
QED Pty Ltd	Revitalising Pt Adelaide PAR and Pt Adelaide Centre PAR	5,280
QED Pty Ltd	Tasks associated with Better Development Plans project	9,537
Urban & Regional Planning Solutions	Tasks associated with Better Development Plans project	13,952
Urban & Regional Planning Solutions	Planning mechanisms in support of Affordable Housing Development by the private sector	18,180

UNSEALED RURAL ARTERIALS PROGRAM

In reply to **Hon. D.C. KOTZ.**

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: An amount of \$1 million was allocated to the Unsealed Rural Arterials program for the 2004-05 financial year.

This allocation brings the program to completion in June 2005, at a total cost of \$73 million.

FUNDING APPROVALS

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.**

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: In addition to information provided on 21 June 2004, I can add the following:

Bio Innovation SA provided 32 new grants or funding approvals in 2003-04 and is budgeted to grant \$4.497 million in 2004-05.

Playford Capital is budgeted to provide \$3.37 million in 2004-05, however, this was based on assumptions about the likelihood of securing BITS rollover. This figure would be revisited depending on the outcome from the BITS2 funding bid.

PLAYFORD CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.**

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: The average equity investment size of Playford Capital's investments as at 21 June was \$280 000.

BIO INNOVATION SA

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.**

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: The offices of Bio Innovation SA are located at 33 King William Street, Adelaide.

The current annual lease on the premises is \$95 000, reviewed annually for CPI increases. There was no major fit-out costs in the

2003-04 financial year.

The budgeted cost of salaries, administration, and supplies and services in 2003-04 was \$1 901 000.

SCIENCE AND INFORMATION ECONOMY

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.**

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: Of the people that earned a total of \$100 000 or more in the Science and Information Economy portfolio in 2003-04, three were in the Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate of DFEEST, five were in Playford Capital and two were in Bio Innovation SA.

REGISTER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE.**

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: The Register of motor vehicles indicates that there were 1 138 849 vehicles, 27 617 motorcycles and 226 323 trailers (including caravans) registered in South Australia as at 31 May 2004.

My Department carried out a survey in late 2001 of motor vehicles parked in suburban shopping centres to determine what percentage of vehicles were being used on the road network without registration and/or compulsory third party (CTP) insurance.

The result of the survey indicated that of the 42 182 motor vehicles surveyed, the registration of 153 vehicles (0.4 per cent) had expired for less than 30 days and the registration of 77 vehicles (0.2 per cent) had expired over 30 days. A policy of CTP insurance remains in force for 30 days after the expiry of the registration.

The results derived from the 2001 car park survey may not be indicative of the overall situation due to the narrow scope of that survey, and it could be as high as 2 per cent.

My department is not in a position to provide an estimate on the number of unlicensed drivers.

those notices currently being remitted to the Justice portfolio of South Australia Police.

EXPIATION NOTICES

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: I refer the member to the response that I provided on 21 June 2004, and I confirm the accuracy of that response.

Expiation notices resulting from Safe-T-Cams are issued under the Transport portfolio, with the revenue collected from payment of

CONSULTANTS

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. P.L. WHITE: In 2003-04, Transport Services/Transport Planning, the Office of Public Transport and Planning SA incurred the following amounts for services from the following consultants:

Company	Service	2003-04 Exp
Max Shuard & Assoc	Provide assistance with Rail matters for the Port River Stage 3 tender documents	6,000
Meyrick & Associates (Single Offer)	Outer Harbour Channel Deepening Study	15,000
Parsons Bricehoff	Preparation of a Toll System Functional Specification	15,000
Equity & Advisory Ltd (Single Offer)	Financial Evaluation Adelaide Light Rail Rolling Stock	18,000
PSI Consulting (Sought Offer)	Probity Auditor - Port River Expressway	38,000
Connell Wagner (Tender Call)	Assess the current condition of the Glenelg to Victoria Square Tram way track	52,000
TMG International (Tender Call)	Technical advice pertaining to the drafting of specifications, assessment of tenders and commissioning of 9 new Light Rail Vehicles required for the upgrade of the Glenelg to Victoria Square Tramway	64,000
Equity & Advisory Ltd (Sought Offer)	Outer Harbour Channel Deepening Study	105,000
Prof Graeme Hugo	Fertility trends in the State	5,000
Prof Graeme Hugo	Migration trends	6,000
QED Pty Ltd	Port Adelaide Waterfront Redevelopment PAR and Port Adelaide Regional Centre PAR	15,000
Demographics Australia Pty Ltd & Carimwell Pty Ltd	Software updates, technical manual and operations workbook	13,000
Harrison market Research	Neighbourhood Character mapping for Metro Adelaide	10,000
Urban & Regional Planning Solutions	Workshop facilitation on Neighbourhood character	10,000
Jensen Planning & Design	Policy Analysis on selected development applications	27,000
Jensen Planning & Design	Tasks associated with Better Development Plans project	57,412
QED Pty Ltd	Tasks associated with Better Development Plans project	9,537
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EPA PROSECUTIONS

In reply to **Hon. I.P. LEWIS**.

The Hon. J.D. HILL: I am advised that:

1. The EPA (Environment Protection Authority) is not in the process of prosecuting or investigating any agriculturalist in the Mount Compass region, nor is anyone being investigated or prosecuted by the EPA for the alleged wrongful use of fertiliser or pesticides.

BRANCHED BROOMRAPE

In reply to **Hon. I.P. LEWIS**.

The Hon. J.D. HILL: I am advised that:

1. The South Australian Government is committed to the eradicating branched broomrape from South Australia and recognises that this is a long-term program.

The eradication program is underpinned by the ten-year plan that was prepared in May 2002. This plan is based on a total State commitment of \$23 million over the ten-year period, which complements the national financial support of \$2.1 million per annum for the current and next financial years.

RSPCA INSPECTORS

In reply to **Hon. I.F. EVANS**.

The Hon. J.D. HILL:

1. Section 29 of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1985* (the Act) states:

Powers of inspectors

29. (1) Subject to this section, an inspector may—

- (a) at any reasonable time, enter any premises that are—
 - (i) licensed under this Act; or
 - (ii) being used by the holder of a licence under this Act for the purposes of an activity for which the

holder is required to be licensed under this Act; or
(iii) *being used by the holder of an accreditation under the Meat Hygiene Act 1994 for or in connection with meat processing within the meaning of that Act;*

(b) at any reasonable time, enter any premises or vehicle that is being used for holding or confining animals that have been herded or collected together for sale, transport or any other commercial purposes;

(c) where the inspector reasonably suspects that an offence has been committed in any premises or vehicle (including any premises or vehicle referred to in paragraph (a) or (b)), enter or break into the premises or stop and detain the vehicle and open or break into any part of the premises or vehicle, or anything in or on the premises or vehicle.

I am advised that:

Up until 2001, the RSPCA believed this section provided inspectors with the right of entry into intensive animal production systems. At that time, legal advice was sought in relation to a specific incident. The legal advice refuted this belief.

Subsections 29(a)(i) and 29(a)(ii) allow inspectors to enter rodeos and institutions where animals are held for the purposes of teaching or research or are used for these purposes. These are the only activities that are licensed under the Act.

Subsection 29(a)(iii) allows inspectors to enter abattoirs and slaughterhouses as these premises are accredited under the *Meat Hygiene Act 1994*.

Subsection 29(b) allows inspectors to enter places where animals are herded or gathered together for commercial purposes. This would include pet shops, livestock sale yards and similar establishments. It was the belief of the RSPCA that this subsection provided the power to enter intensive animal production units. However, the legal advice received did not support this view. Animals in intensive establishments have not been "herded or gathered together". Usually they are re-bred on the premises or sourced from a single producer.

This does not constitute herding or gathering. The South Australian Farmers Federation also sought legal advice on this matter, which confirmed the opinion obtained by the RSPCA that inspectors cannot enter farms without a warrant.

2. If there is reasonable suspicion that an offence has occurred or is occurring, a magistrate may issue a warrant to RSPCA inspectors to enter any property.

3. A draft discussion paper for the review of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act is expected to be released in the near future. The paper does not review the role of RSPCA but rather whether or not the legislation is adequate. Issues regarding the powers of inspectors with respect to intensive farming establishments are being considered in the development of the paper.

ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT LEVY

In reply to **Hon. I.F. EVANS.**

The Hon. J.D. HILL:

1. The EPA did not directly receive revenue from the environment enhancement levy in 2003-04.

Revenue from the environment enhancement levy is indirectly transferred to the Environment & Conservation Portfolio via appropriation rather than as a discrete revenue stream.

COONGIE LAKES RAMSAR MANAGEMENT PLAN

In reply to **Mr HANNA.**

The Hon. J.D. HILL: I am advised that the process to prepare a new draft Management Plan for the Coongie Lakes Ramsar Area and to undertake community consultation will commence this year, using funding from the Department for Environment and Heritage's Reserve Management Planning budget, with support from the Australian government.

A draft Management Plan for the new Coongie Lakes National Park and a revision of the Management Plan for the Innamincka Regional Reserve will take place at the same time.

WILDERNESS PROTECTION AREA NOMINATIONS

In reply to **Mr HANNA.**

The Hon. J.D. HILL: I am advised that the 2004-05 budget dedicates approximately \$90 000 to wilderness protection and servicing the Wilderness Advisory Committee.

In 2003, following public consultation and advice from the Wilderness Advisory Committee, I announced that I would be

proceeding with the Memory Cove Wilderness Protection Area in Lincoln National Park. The Memory Cove Wilderness Protection Area will be proclaimed in the next few months. The Wilderness Advisory Committee's report regarding areas on Central Eyre Peninsula was released for public consultation in 2001 and I have recently agreed to undertake further consultation on the areas proposed for wilderness protection.

I have recently received a report from the Wilderness Advisory Committee on Billiatt Conservation Park. Reports are currently being prepared by the Wilderness Advisory Committee on Innamincka Regional Reserve, Ngarkat Conservation Park, Danggali Conservation Park and Wahgunyah Conservation Park. I understand these reports are to be submitted to me in 2004-05.

NATURE CONSERVATION PROGRAM, FIELD RIVER

In reply to **Mr HANNA.**

The Hon. J.D. HILL: Regarding the Field River, I am advised that:

- The Field River Valley contains land both in private ownership (Sheidows) and belonging to Transport SA.
- The Field River Valley is contained within the scope of the "greenbelt" proposed in the City of Marion's "Marion South Plan". This "greenbelt" also includes existing State and local government land in addition to land (including the Field River) in private ownership.
- The Department for Environment and Heritage is working with the City of Marion to further the establishment of the "greenbelt" within their proposal.
- The future management and ownership of land within the Field River Valley is the subject of ongoing negotiations between the City of Marion and Transport SA and private landholders (Sheidows).
- At this stage, it is not the intention of government to acquire the land, but to continue to work with the City of Marion to establish a management framework over this and other lands (including DEH Reserves) contained within the scope of the "Marion South Plan greenbelt" to preserve and enhance them.

CONSULTANTS, EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN.**

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education has advised that:

The table below provides details of expenditure on consultants in 2003-04 for \$5 000 and above.

DFEEST			
Consultant	Work Undertaken	Cost \$	Method of Employment
Ray Dundon	Review of the Fishing Industry	13,500	Restricted Tender to 6 organisations
KPA Consulting	Review of Construction Industry Training Fund Act 1993	33,944	Restricted Tender to 5 organisations
TOTAL		47,444	

HIGHER EDUCATION UNIT COUNCIL

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN.**

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education has advised that:

The Higher Education Unit of DFEEST has an operating budget for the 2004-05 financial year of \$584 000. The staffing component is \$408 164 including on-costs. The full complement of staff for the unit is five full-time equivalent positions.

However, through salary savings from the 2003-04 financial year, the unit will employ a part-time Graduate Research Officer and second a Senior Policy Officer from a South Australian university for six months in 2004-05. The total salaries for the unit in 2004-05 will be \$470 643.

The operating costs for the unit will be about \$27 000 with the remaining \$86 000 supporting projects associated with the Higher Education Council activities.

The Higher Education Council has met six times since November 2002. The council met on 29 November 2002, 17 March, 21 May, 14 August and 18 December in 2003 and on 9 June 2004. The first meeting for 2004 was planned for 14 April but was postponed due to the change of Ministry. There are two further meetings scheduled for this year on 12 August and 16 November.

The council originally intended to meet only two to three times each year but has met more often at the request of its members.

The council was established in November 2002 with a full complement of members which included the former Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, the Hon Dr Jane Lomax-Smith as Chair, the Vice Chancellors of each of the State's three universities, the Chief Executives of the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology and the then Office of Economic Development. Following recommendations of the Economic Development Board, the Council agreed to expand its membership to include two business leaders and one community member. Ms Niki Vincent was appointed at the 18 December 2003 meeting and the council is in the process of appointing two business leaders.

The Higher Education Council is supported by the Higher Education Unit in DFEEST and costs associated with the running of the council are absorbed by that unit. These include the costs of executive and administrative support provided by existing Higher Education Unit officers. Project support comes from the Higher Education Unit project budget, and as indicated above will amount to \$86 000 in 2004-05. The largest expenditure incurred this year will result from the employment of a consultant to produce an options paper on 'systems' of multi-university governance in response to a recommendation of the Economic Development Board.

Project funds will be made available in 2005 to review the operation of the Higher Education Council. It is anticipated that this review will cost less than \$20 000.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WOMEN

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Minister for the Status of Women has advised that:

A reference in the 2003-04 Budget to a forum and a think tank held to discuss women's participation in the South Australian Constitutional Convention referred to a forum held on 30 January 2003 entitled "Put Gender on the Agenda", organised by the Office for Women (OFW), and a one day women's think tank, held on 17 March 2003, organised by the University of South Australia's Hawke Research Institute in collaboration with the OFW.

"Put Gender on the Agenda" attracted over 100 women who heard from four speakers, namely Professor Cheryl Saunders, Dr Lisa Hill, Dr Susan Close and the Hon Peter Lewis MP. There were no specific recommendations arising from this event. It was designed to stimulate debate, and did so.

The think tank was used by the Hawke Institute to inform its submission to the Constitutional Convention. The submission contained a number of general recommendations regarding the need for a gender analysis of both the design of the Constitutional Convention and the questions that were to be explored. A copy of the Hawke Institute submission is available on request.

The aim of both of these events was to stimulate debate and explore the four questions raised as part of the Constitutional Convention from a gender perspective. The Premier's Council for Women has taken note of these events and has applied this knowledge when developing strategies to improve the position of women in South Australia, particularly with regard to leadership.

ADELAIDE WOMEN'S PRISON

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Minister for Correctional Services has advised that:

The member has asked a very important question in relation to women prisoners and has made the suggestion that they experience overcrowding, lack of work opportunities, and also that the lack of general activity has, for some prisoners, resulted in weight gain.

Many women entering the prison system come from difficult and disadvantaged circumstances and this is reflected in their general health and wellbeing.

Every effort is made in the rehabilitation of women prisoners to encourage them to adopt healthy life style choices in their approach to alcohol and other drugs, exercise and food. A strong emphasis is also given to improving and encouraging the self esteem of these prisoners.

It should be noted that considerable attention is given to the meals provided to the women prisoners, ensuring that they have nutritious meals that meet high dietary standards.

Some of the vegetables used in the preparation of these meals are cultivated by the women, enabling them to experience some health outdoor activities and develop some gardening skills. These gardening activities also extend to the maintenance of the prison grounds.

Where possible, women prisoners are encouraged to participate in sporting and recreational activities. The prison grounds include a tennis/volley/netball court where competitions are also held between prisoners, staff and outside groups.

Recently, with the support of the Young Presidents Organisation, an additional recreation area consisting of a large garage type structure fitted with exercise equipment has been added to the women's prison.

I can assure the member that this government continues in its endeavours to improve the accommodation for women prisoners. In this regard, accommodation was increased at the Prison when 11 additional beds were commissioned in February 2003. However, it should be noted that presently, 17 beds are unavailable as a result of the deliberately lit fire which occurred in A Wing on the 28 March 2004. It is expected that these beds will become available again in October 2004.

Offender development and vocational training programs including First Aid, Forklift and Paving courses continue to be presented and are now ongoing education courses along with core subjects such as computing, numeracy and literacy.

Every effort is made, and will continue to be made to promote healthy lifestyle activities within the Adelaide Women's Prison and

to provide the women with activities and courses that will help them live healthy and constructive lives upon their release.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S REGISTER

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Office for Women has reviewed the information contained in the Women's Register and is implementing a series of actions including:

- the development of a Premier's Women's Directory which will be targeted at those responsible for appointing women to government boards and committees and will contain the names and curricula vitae of women who are suitable for appointment to government boards and committees. The directory will be an on line tool, and will integrate information currently located in the Women's Register.
- agencies have been asked to improve selection procedures for board members by increasing the quality, quantity and diversity of the pool of qualified potential board members.
- strategies to identify a wider diversity of women with board potential, to identify skill gaps, and to register more women in these areas.

A detailed answer has already been given, in response to a separate question that was asked on 18 June, about recommendations from the forum on the constitutional issues.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education has advised that:

Consultants are classified in accordance with the definition provided in Accounting Policy Statement Number 13 Form & Content of General Purpose Financial Reports.

A consultant is defined as a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative.

The definition of a consultant has been applied in DFEEST consistently since inception of the department in July 2002. As a result, there has been no incorrect classification of consultants as contractors.

A contractor is a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which that task is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is a feasible alternative.

DFEEST, SAVINGS INITIATIVES

In reply to **Mr SCALZI**.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education has advised that:

The 2003-04 budget savings initiatives for the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology have been achieved.

FLINDERS STREET SCHOOL OF MUSIC SITE

In reply to **Mr SCALZI**.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education has advised that:

Cabinet has approved the purchase of the property by the South Australian Housing Trust. The sale price is \$1 635 000. Settlement of the contract took place on 2 July 2004.

CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION EQUIPMENT

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: In June 2004, the government made available \$800 000 to Novita Children's Services (formerly the Crippled Children's Association) for the supply of rehabilitation equipment for children with physical or severe multiple disabilities throughout the State.

This amount clears the waiting list for children's equipment. An additional \$400 000 recurrent funding for equipment was allocated in the 2004-05 budget. Of this, \$150 000 will be allocated for children's equipment.

CHILD PROTECTION

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS), formerly Family and Youth Services, and Child and Youth Health (CYH) routinely share information as part of the agencies' commitment to continuous service improvement.

CYFS received notifications raising concerns for the safety and wellbeing of the infant referred to in the member's question, in accordance with mandatory notification requirements.

Child and Youth Health officers are mandated notifiers under the Children's Protection Act 1993 and participate in refresher training every two to three years. As mandated notifiers they have a professional and legal responsibility to inform CYFS of any concerns for the safety and wellbeing of any infant, child or young person. This provides for a formal communication process that initiates a child protection response where CYFS intervention is assessed as warranted.

In November 2000 a document called "Working Together in Child Protection" was jointly developed and endorsed by the two agencies. It forms the current standard procedures for CYH staff in regard to their role and responsibilities in child protection matters.

In addition, senior staff from both agencies are currently developing joint protocols that identify roles and responsibilities, reporting procedures, expectations, ways to share information and training and development opportunities.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: In response to a question asked of the Minister for the Status of Women in Estimates Committee A, I provide the following information:

The domestic violence sector currently receives recurrent funding through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) of \$6.33 million per annum to assist women and children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as a result of domestic violence. This funding is provided to 21 non-government agencies across the State to provide a range of services, including crisis and transitional accommodation, case counselling and support, referral and advocacy services and referrals into medium or longer term accommodation.

In terms of capacity of the sector, there are currently 211 properties leased to the domestic violence SAAP funded agencies, which is an increase of 20 units of accommodation during 2003-04. These houses are leased through the South Australian Housing Trust's (SAHT) Supported Tenancy Scheme. Additional funding of \$3.3 million for the purchase of 10 houses for the SAAP funded families and domestic violence sectors has recently been allocated. An increase in the supply of housing will assist the transition of families in crisis to longer-term housing. The implementation of a domestic violence service in the Barossa and Lower North/Clare districts will also occur over the next few months.

Additional assistance is provided by the SAHT to women and children involved in domestic violence situations through the Private Rental Assistance Program (PRAP). The expenditure for this program for 2003-04 was \$14.7 million, which assist

ed 31 800 people. Approximately 6 per cent of assistance under the PRAP was directed to women and children who indicated that they were escaping domestic violence situations. This equates to approximately \$882 000.

Hotel/motel accommodation is a short-term emergency response for women and children who are homeless and unable to access other accommodation, including shelters and other SAAP accommodation options. In 2003-04, the SAHT provided 1141 instances of hotel/motel assistance totalling \$198 183. Of these, 751 (65.8 per cent) were for women and children escaping domestic violence. The average length of stay was 2.5 nights.

FAMILY VIOLENCE OUTREACH SERVICE

In reply to **Hon. R.G. KERIN**.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: In March 2003, the former Minister for Housing approved recurrent funding of \$140 000 for a domestic violence service and family violence counselling service as a joint initiative for the Lower North and Barossa Valley areas.

Community representatives from both areas were dissatisfied with this decision in view of the large distance for travel. The representatives also considered that a local presence in both areas was required. Therefore, rather than go out to tender at that time, consultation with local stakeholders from both areas occurred to determine how these concerns could be addressed.

I am pleased to advise that approval has been given for a service to be delivered in each area. These services will be extensions of those already in place and will provide the local presence that both communities require. UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie in the Lower North and Clare Regions and Centacare in the Barossa area are currently negotiating service agreements and their exact funding share with the Department for Families and Communities.

These services will be funded to 30 June 2005 through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP), a jointly funded Australian/State Government program. The current SAAP agreement expires in June 2005, and long term funding arrangements for these services is dependent on the outcome of negotiations with the Australian Government. Once South Australia's allocation of SAAP funding is agreed, a tender process can commence for the longer-term provision of domestic violence services in the Lower North and Barossa Valley.

MOVING ON PROGRAM

In reply to **Mr BRINDAL**.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: The number of people who have received a five day a week program funded through Moving On for the last three years are as follows:

- 52 in 2002;
- 58 in 2003; and
- 62 in 2004.

Allocations for 2005 will be finalised in September 2004.

Individuals eligible for Moving On funding are assessed to determine their support needs and funding is allocated accordingly. Individuals then purchase day options services with this funding. The amount of days purchased depends on the costs charged by providers.

The current benchmarks for funding according to support needs are:

Level of Support	Benchmark for Funding				
	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%
Very High	\$20,600	\$16,480	\$12,360	\$8,240	\$4,120
High	\$17,600	\$14,080	\$10,560	\$7,040	\$3,520
Moderate	\$14,600	\$11,680	\$8,760	\$5,840	\$2,920
Low	\$12,100	\$9,680	\$7,260	\$4,840	\$2,420
Minimal	\$9,100	\$7,280	\$5,460	\$3,640	\$1,820

HACC FUNDING

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN**.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: Domiciliary Care is not a distinct program in its own right. The term refers to the provision of support services in a person's home as opposed to some other setting. Thus the great bulk of Home and Community Care (HACC) funding is clearly devoted to domiciliary care services, even though they may not be specifically identified as such.

In South Australia there are many agencies that deliver domiciliary care services. Some of these have this term in their name, such as the Metropolitan Domiciliary Care Service Inc, while others do not, for example the South East Regional Community Health Service which provides an extensive range of domiciliary care services but does not use the term in its name.

It is also important to recognise that the HACC program is not the only source of funding for domiciliary care services. In many

cases, such services are funded through the health appropriation budget and often described as community health services.

It is very difficult to distinguish between services on the basis of funding source alone as, in many cases, funds come from several sources. For example the salary for a community health nurse working a rural area could be sourced from both the HACC program and the Palliative Care program.

Bearing this in mind, details of HACC funding allocated to both metropolitan and country based health units that deliver domiciliary care services, together with those specifically identified as domiciliary care services, for 2004-05 are as follows:

· Metropolitan Domiciliary Care Inc	\$22 056 390
· Port Lincoln Domiciliary Care Service	\$716 800
· Mannum Domiciliary Care Service	\$142 700
· Waikerie Domiciliary Care Service	\$211 140
· Noarlunga Health Services	\$61 300
· Repatriation General Hospital	\$42 380
· Royal Adelaide Hospital	\$162 900
· Royal District Nursing Society of South Australia Inc	\$14 536 600
· Ceduna and District Health and Aged Services Inc	\$118 830
· Ceduna Hospital Inc	\$41 830
· Central Eyre Peninsula Hospital Inc	\$15 200
· Cleve District Hospital	\$8 150
· Eastern Eyre Health and Aged Care Inc	\$6 900
· Elliston Hospital Inc	\$2 150
· Kimba District Hospital and Health Service Inc	\$37 750
· Mid West Health and Aged Care Inc	\$153 230
· Gawler Health Service Inc	\$338 300
· Adelaide Hills Community Health Service	\$2 512 870
· Kangaroo Island health Service	\$306 140
· Mallee Health Service Inc	\$134 950
· Mengingie and Districts Memorial Hospital	\$28 300
· Murray Mallee Community Health Service	\$747 390
· Northern Adelaide Hills Health Service Inc	\$88 500
· Pinnaroo Soldier's Memorial Hospital Inc	\$162 000
· South Coast District Hospital Inc	\$561 440
· Southern Fleurieu Health Service	\$510 640
· Booleroo Centre District Hospital and Health Service	\$15 410
· Mid North Regional Health Service Inc	\$1 564 890
· Port Broughton District Hospital and Health Service	\$40 200
· Coober Pedy Hospital Inc	\$185 630
· Hawker Memorial Hospital Inc	\$8 000
· Leigh Creek Hospital Inc	\$46 800
· Northern and Far Western Regional Health Service Inc	\$45 000
· Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service	\$1 068 800
· Quorn and District Memorial Hospital Inc	\$22 500
· Whyalla Hospital and Health Services Inc	\$890 990
· Loxton Hospital Complex Inc	\$432 240
· Renmark and Paringa District Hospital Inc	\$164 730
· Riverland Health Authority Inc	\$15 000
· Riverland Regional Health Service Inc	\$861 410
· South East Regional Community Health Services	\$2 066 850
· Balaklava Soldiers Memorial Hospital	\$3 330
· Barossa Area Health Services Inc	\$631 300
· Central Yorke Peninsula Hospital Inc	\$7 300
· Eudunda – Kapunda Health Service Inc	\$5 100
· Lower North Community Health Service	\$282 940
· Northern Yorke Peninsula Regional Health Service	\$1 509 580
· Southern Yorke Peninsula Health Service Inc	\$112 700
· Wakefield Regional Health Service	\$150 000

HACC ALLOCATIONS, FORMULA

In reply to **The Hon. DEAN BROWN:**

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: Home and Community Care (HACC) funding is allocated on a population basis. It is a requirement of the HACC Amending Agreement to ensure that "services are provided equitably between Regions and are responsive to regional differences" (HACC Amending Agreement, 3(1)(f)).

The formula to determine how much growth funding is to be allocated to each of the eleven planning regions each year is calculated in a number of steps:

- The population for each Statistical Local Area (SLA) is determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2001 Census, and subsequent population projections.
- The ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, which is also conducted on a five-yearly basis, is used to determine the rate of profound, severe and moderate disability by age ranges for each State and Territory.
- The rate of disability is applied to the age profile of each SLA, which is undertaken at the national level and used to establish what is known as the Potential Client Population (PCP) for the HACC program. This determines HACC allocations by jurisdictions.
- For planning purposes in South Australia, the PCP is further adjusted to take account of economic, social, cultural and geographic factors.
- The ABS Index of Relative Disadvantage (IRD) takes account of urban and rural location, low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations. The PCP is adjusted by 1 per cent for every ten points that SLAs are lower or higher than the State average IRD score.
- The PCP is then adjusted upwards by 0.25 per cent for every 1 per cent the area has a higher population than the State average of people 65 years or over who were born in mainly non-English speaking countries.
- 1 per cent is added for every 1 per cent the area has higher indigenous population than the State average.
- The number of people thus calculated for each SLA is aggregated up to the planning regions, which establishes the weighted PCP by region.
- Existing recurrent funding for each planning region is calculated on the basis of Departmental financial information.
- Where available on a comparable basis, funding from related programs, such as the Australian Government's National Respite for Carers program, is taken into account.
- The funding per region is divided by the region's weighted PCP to determine the average funding per PCP in each region.
- Similarly, the State average funding per PCP is calculated.
- The percentage of growth funding per region in any year is determined on the basis of that region's deviation from the State average funding per PCP, with the goal of establishing equitable funding for all regions in the State.
- No funding is taken from a region that is above the State average.
- Growth funding is used to increase the average funding per PCP in regions with lower levels of funding.
- As there has been a higher level of HACC growth funding available in the last few years and costs of service delivery have exceeded the indexation applied, some funding has been allocated to all regions, with a minimum amount applying to ensure that a service can be provided with the funding allocated.

HACC PROGRAMS

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN.**

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: There were over 350 projects that attracted HACC funding in 2003-04, therefore a large amount of information is available. I have provided the member with the information he requested via correspondence. However, for the benefit of all members, the organisations that received HACC funding in 2003-04 were:

- A1 Property Services SA/Gleam Team
- Aboriginal Elders and Community Care Services Inc
- Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons
- Adelaide Hills Community Health Service
- Adelaide Hills Council
- City of Adelaide
- Aged & Community Services SA & NT Inc
- Aged Care and Housing Group Inc
- Aged Rights Advocacy Service Inc
- Ageing & Community Care—DHS
- Alabracare (SA) Pty Ltd
- Alexandrina Council
- Alzheimers Australia SA Inc
- Anglicare SA
- Association of the Hungarian Aged and Invalid Persons S***
- Association of Ukrainians in South Australia Inc
- Associazione Nazionale Famiglie Degli Emmigrati Inc
- Australian Red Cross Society—South Australia Division
- Australian Restorative Care Services
- Balaklava Soldiers Memorial Hospital
- Baptist community Services Incorporated

- Barossa Area Health Service Inc
- Barossa Council, The
- Blind Welfare Association of South Australia
- Boandik Lodge Inc
- Bookyana Aboriginal Corporation
- Booleroo Centre District Hospital and Health Service Inc
- Burnside, Corporation of the City of
- Cambodian Association of South Australia
- Camden Community Centre Inc
- Campbelltown, Corporation of the City of
- Carer Support and Respite Centre Inc
- Carers Association of South Australia Inc
- Carers Link Barossa and District Inc
- Carers Link Lower North Inc
- Ceduna and District Health and Aged Services Inc
- Ceduna Hospital Inc
- Ceduna/Kooniba Aboriginal Health Service Inc
- Central Eyre Peninsula Hospital Inc
- Central Yorke Peninsula Hospital Inc
- Charles Sturt, City of
- Cleve District Hospital
- Co.As.It
- Colebrook Community Centre Inc
- Community Accommodation and Respite Agency Inc
- Community Lifestyles Inc
- Community Service Providers Network Wakefield Region
- Community Support Inc
- Coober Pedy Hospital Inc
- Coordinating Italian Committee Inc
- Coorong District Council, The
- Council of Aboriginal Elders of SA (Port Lincoln Regional Forum) Inc
- Council on the Ageing (South Australia) Inc
- Country Home Advocacy Project Inc
- Crippled Children's Association of South Australia Inc
- Croation Care for the Aged Inc
- Department of Education Training and Employment
- Dunjiba Community Council Inc
- Easter Eyre Health & Aged Care Inc
- Elizabeth Bowey Lodge Incorporated
- Elliston Hospital Inc
- Eudunda—Kapunda Health Service Inc
- Exceptional Needs Unit—DHS
- Federation of Polish Organisation in SA
- Gawler Care and Share Inc
- Gawler Health Service Inc
- Gawler, Corporation of the City of
- Goodwood Community Services Inc
- Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia
- Greek Pensioners & Aged Society of SA Inc
- Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc
- Hawker Memorial Hospital Inc
- Helping Hand Aged Care Inc
- Holdfast Bay Community Care Centre Inc
- Holdfast Bay, city of
- Holiday Explorers Inc
- Hungarian Caritas Society
- Hutt St Centre Ltd
- Independent Living Centre of SA Inc
- Intellectual Disability Services Council Inc
- Interchange Inc
- Italian Benevolent Foundation SA Inc
- Italian Cultural Centre
- Italian Home Delivered Meals & Services
- Jewish Community Services Inc
- Julia Farr Centre
- Kangaroo Island Health Service
- Kimba District Hospital and Health Service Inc
- Kimba, District Council of
- Kura Yelo Council Inc
- Latvian Association Inc (SA), The
- Latvian Relief Society of Australia Inc
- Leigh Creek Hospital Inc
- Lithuanian Women's Association
- Lovell HCS Pty Ltd (trading as HCS Home Care Services)
- Lower North Community health Service
- Loxton Hospital Complex Inc
- MAFRA Respite Services Inc
- Mallee Health Service Inc
- Maltese guild of South Australia Inc
- Mannum Domiciliary Care Service
- Maree Aged Care Service
- Marion, Corporation of the City of
- Masonic Homes Inc
- Meals on Wheels Inc
- Meningie and Districts Memorial Hospital
- Metropolitan Domiciliary Care Inc
- Mid Murray Community Support Service
- Mid Murray Council
- Mid North Regional Health Service Inc
- Mid West health and Aged Care Inc
- Mitcham, Corporation of the City of
- Mount Barker, District Council of
- Multi Agency Community Housing Association Inc (MACH)
- Multicultural Aged Care Inc
- Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc
- Murray Bridge, Rural City of
- Murray Mallee Aged Care Group
- Murray Mallee community Health Service
- Neporendi Aboriginal forum Inc
- Netherlands Australian Aged Services Association Inc
- Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Womens Council
- Nganampa Health Council Inc
- Noarlunga Health Services
- Noarlunga Volunteer Transport Service Inc
- Northern and Far Western Regional Health Service Inc
- Northern Adelaide Hills Health Service Inc
- Northern Areas Council
- Northern Carer's Network inc
- Northern Yorke Peninsula Regional health Service
- Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, City of
- Office of Public Transport
- Onkaparinga, City of
- Overseas Chinese Association of SA Inc
- Paraplegic & Quadriplegic Association of SA Inc
- Peterborough, District Council of
- Pika Wiya Health Service Inc
- Pinnaroo Soldier's Memorial Hospital Inc
- Playford, City of
- Polish Link with Seniors Club—Enfield branch
- Polish Link with Seniors Club—Ottoway branch
- Polish Link with Seniors Club—St Marys Branch
- Port Adelaide Enfield, City of
- Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service
- Port Augusta, City of
- Port Broughton District Hospital and Health Service Inc
- Port Lincoln Domiciliary Care Service
- Port Pirie Regional Council
- Prospect, The City of
- Quorn & District Memorial Hospital Inc
- Renmark and Paringa District Hospital Inc
- Repatriation General Hospital
- Resthaven Inc
- Riding For the Disabled Assoc of SA Inc
- Riverland Health Authority Inc
- Riverland Regional Health Service Inc
- Royal Adelaide Hospital Inc
- Royal District Nursing Society of South Australia Inc
- SA Sport and Recreational Association for People with integrated Disabilities
- Salisbury, Corporation of the City of
- Seniors Information Service Inc
- Serbian Australian Senior Citizens club
- Skill Teaching & Resources (Tenancy Support Inc)
- South Australian Police
- South Coast District Hospital Inc
- South East Regional Community Health Services
- Southern Cross Care (SA) Inc (Philip Kennedy Rehabilitation Service)
- Southern Fleurieu Health Service
- Southern Yorke Peninsula Health Service Inc
- St John Ambulance Australia South Australia Inc
- St Stephen's Lutheran Church Inc
- State Aboriginal Affairs, Dept. of
- Stirling Aged Daycare Centre
- Tanunda Lutheran Home Inc
- Tea Tree Gully, Corporation of the City of
- Trinity Baptist Church Inc
- Tullawon Health Service Inc
- Ukrainian Women's Association Inc
- Umoona Aged Care Aboriginal Corporation
- Uniting Church In Australia Frontier Services

- UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide Inc
- UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide Inc
- Unley, Corporation of the City of
- Victor Harbor, City of
- Vietnamese Community in Australia/SA Chapter Inc
- Volunteering SA Inc
- Waikerie Domiciliary Care Service
- Wakefield Regional health Service
- Walkerville, Corporation of the City of
- West Coast Community Services Inc
- West Torrens, City of
- Whyalla Hospital and Health Services Inc
- Whyalla, Corporation of the City of
- Yankalilla, District Council of
- YMCA of Adelaide
- Yorke Peninsula Community Care Inc
- Yugoslav Centre of SA Inc

HACC MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In reply to **Hon. DEAN BROWN.**

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: Home and Community Care (HACC) funding is allocated on a population basis. It is a requirement of the HACC Amending Agreement that State or Territory Ministers approve the allocation of funding. Approval is granted after giving due consideration to recommendations made by departments.

In South Australia, departmental officers, led by the Ageing and Community Care Branch of the Department for Families and Communities, assess the hundreds of submissions received in each funding round. Officers who have expertise in specific areas such as disability, country health services, ethnic communities and Indigenous affairs, as well as staff from the State Office of the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, are also involved in this assessment stage.

Under the terms of the HACC Amending Agreement, the State Minister is empowered to approve funding for HACC projects. Once the State Minister has considered and, if appropriate, approved the department's recommendations, the entire HACC package is forwarded to the Federal Minister for Ageing for a joint announcement of funding.

In regard to the query about the HACC Ministerial Advisory Committee (HACCMAC), the Committee's main role is to advise on the funding priorities that are or should be included in the Draft HACC Annual Plan, the final version of which must be jointly approved by the State and Federal Ministers in each grant year. The Committee can also raise any other HACC related matter that it thinks should be brought to my attention or that of the Federal Minister.

HACCMAC usually meets at least twice a year as the department works to refine and finalise the Draft HACC Annual Plan. In doing this, the department uses a very open and wide ranging consultation process, for example a detailed Position Paper on the proposed funding priorities is distributed to as many HACC funded organisations, consumer groups and advocacy bodies as is reasonably possible. HACCMAC has the opportunity to review the various responses to the Position Paper and the department normally takes into account its suggestions about any changes that may be required. If the department doesn't agree with the Committee's suggestions, this will be drawn to my attention.

HACCMAC plays no role in assessing submissions for funding, not least because many or most of its members will be actively seeking funds themselves. The assessment function is carried out by the department.

HACCMAC membership includes representatives from peak bodies, disability agencies, HACC service providers and consumers, and an ex officio representative from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing. The current members of HACCMAC are:

- Mr Ian Yates, Council on the Ageing
- Ms Rosemary Warmington, Carers Association of SA
- Ms Dawn Brooks, Brain Injury Network of SA Inc
- Mr Rob Foggo, Anglican Community Care
- Mr Jim Raggatt, Aged Care and Housing Group
- Mr Peter Sparrow, Carer Support and Respite Centre Inc
- Mr Rob Dempsey, Aged and Community Services SA and NT
- Mr Phillip Beddall, Disability Action Group
- Mrs May Turner, Council of Aboriginal Elders of SA
- Ms Helena Kyriazopoulos, Multicultural Communities Council
- Mr Chris Overland, Ageing and Community Care, Department for Families and Communities
- Mr David Kemp, Federal Department of Health and Ageing
- Mr Andrew Coidan, Disability Services Office, Department for Families and Communities.

NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Premier has provided the following information:

I have been advised that:

The Natural Disaster Mitigation Program is the most significant component of reforms proposed in the COAG review of natural disasters in Australia. The program is designed to contribute to safer, sustainable communities that are better able to withstand the effects of natural disasters through projects implemented at state or local government level. This program will initially run for five years, from 2003-04 to 2007-08, and involves the shared funding of key mitigation projects by the Australian, States and Territories and local government.

This program falls under the responsibilities of the Premier.

At this stage I am unable to advise the members of projects that will be funded from the \$700 000 as the 2004-05 program is only at the application stage and will have to go through assessment and approval stages prior to announcement of successful projects in September/October.

I can however advise that for 2003-04 South Australia was successful in gaining over double its allocated funding (\$705 000 instead of \$300 000) which will fund flood mitigation projects associated with the Adelaide Airport, Little Para River and Smith Creek at Smithfield Plains.

The program has the potential to fund a broad range of works, measures and activities including; risk studies, mitigation strategies, disaster warning systems, community awareness and readiness measures, land and building purchase schemes, investment in disaster resilient public infrastructure and mitigation measures. Eligible natural disasters include; bushfires, earthquake, flood, storm, cyclone, storm surge, landslide, tsunami, meteorite strike and tornado.

In addition to the 2004-05 budget allocation, this government committed in the recent State budget \$360 000 per annum for each of the three remaining years of the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program.