

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

18 to 20 and 23 to 25 October 2006

#### ARTS FESTIVAL

In reply to **Mr PISONI**.

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following:

Total numbers of people engaged by arts festivals as employees and volunteers (both short and long term, full time and part time) are provided in the table below.

Please note that:

- these numbers represent persons engaged, not full-time equivalents
- figures are provided for the latest occurrence of each festival.

Arts festival	No. of paid employees	No. of volunteers
Adelaide Cabaret Festival 2006	120	32
WOMADELAIDE 2006	93	64
Adelaide Film Festival 2005	40	44
Adelaide Festival of Arts 2006	175	157
Adelaide Fringe 2006	242	271
Come Out 2005	29	70
Festival of Ideas 2005	15	15
Fleurieu Biennale 2006	2	85
Bundaleer Weekend 2005	4	200
Feast 2006	5	60
SALA Festival 2006	3	2
Francis Festival 2006	0	300
Music on the Murray 2005	0	100
Cooper Pedy Opal Festival 2006	1	25
Beachport Festival by the Sea 2006	1	198
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1 623</b>

The ratio of paid employees to volunteers for arts festivals held over the two-year period 2005-06 is therefore 1:2.2.

#### CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following:

South Australia has well-established and highly regarded programs that train practitioners, including musicians, for the creative industries.

The report identified that further needs were as follows: business development skills were needed in creative industries businesses, and the digital content industry, one of the fastest-growing segments, required a labour force with skills in both arts and technology.

The South Australian Government's Creative Industries Steering Committee, through the newly established position of Creative Industries Catalyst in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, has met with each of the four universities in South Australia to convey the need to more closely align education pathways with industry needs.

The universities have as a result established their own mechanisms to ensure closer collaboration with industry. Flinders University and the University of SA have already implemented programs which combine arts, technology and business skill development.

The Carnegie Mellon University Entertainment Technology Centre was brought to Adelaide to deliver a masters program in digital content for the entertainment industry and with the assistance of the Government, has established close ties to the digital content industry in SA.

TAFE and DECS have joined the Creative Industries Steering Committee to ensure ongoing coordination in the development of appropriate creative industries skills pathways through TAFE and secondary schools.

With regard to schools, DECS is considering inclusion of digital content programs in the Trade Schools initiative. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet is convening two task forces to tackle creative industries skill development in schools; one to establish an industry placement program for media teachers and the other to consider the Higher Education Subject Status of Media Studies.

As a result of *The Creative Industries in South Australia* report, DTED has now implemented two new programs that provide training to creative industries companies: the Growing Global Companies Program and the Technical Skills Training Program. These deliver targeted business development support to digital content companies that are export and growth oriented. Activities include business and export training, one-on-one mentoring, business growth seminars, plus support for showcase events such as the Secrets of IT competition.

Two niches in which South Australia has an opportunity for growth are animation and mobile phone content.

MEGA SA, the new industry-led, government-backed initiative to grow the mobile phone content and applications industry, has involved TAFE and all four universities as partners. Students of TAFE and universities have taken part in the first 10-day incubator series that has trained participants in mobile phone content markets, technologies, business development and product development for pitching to investors. The spirit of collaboration in this program was reflected in the winning team, which comprised students of Uni SA, Flinders University, TAFE and Adelaide University. Successful business leaders in the creative industries mentored the MEGA SA teams.

Flinders University, Adelaide University and Uni SA have combined with m.Nnet Corporation to provide a university program in Mobile Applications Development, which is offered to current students annually.

*True Life Creations*, a South Australian company which specialises in animation, has been awarded a \$1 million Federal Grant to construct a global training centre for 3D animation in Adelaide. The total project is estimated to cost \$13 million and is expected to create 46 new jobs ranging from animators and visual effects specialists to teachers and support staff.

The FUSE Festival and Business Conference delivered annually through Arts SA, involves a conference, training, workshops and a showcase of successful musicians.

Funded through Arts SA, Ausmusic SA runs 6-8 music business courses per annum, which provide essential skills training.

Carlew's *Off the Couch* program also provides up and coming musicians under the age of 27 with basic music industry knowledge and showcasing opportunities.

Both the SA Film Corporation and the Media Resource Centre, which has received a recent funding boost, are delivering new offerings in screen-based industry training.

In addition, the Government aims to keep talented creative industries companies and practitioners in the State, through initiatives such as the new Ruby Arts Awards, and the staging of more frequent South Australian arts events such as the Fringe.

A good example of a creative industries music company in SA is *In the Chair*. This music education software brings professional bands and orchestras to students, through the internet, and has the innovative ability to 'listen' to a performance and provide immediate feedback on musical nuances. *In the Chair* was awarded the Best Australian Made Product of 2006 at the Australian Music Association's annual Gala Award in September. *In the Chair* uses the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO) for music recordings and the original idea for the product came from the ASO. *In the Chair* employs graduates of TAFE and the South Australian universities in arts, technology and business. *In the Chair* has received a range of Government training and support through DTED, the SA Film Corporation, and other agencies.

In summary, the Government is making excellent progress in delivering new and improved training for the creative industries sector through its work with education institutions and industry.

#### SOCIAL INCLUSION SUBPROGRAMS

In reply to **Mr PISONI**.

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following:

The role of the Social Inclusion Board, supported by the Social Inclusion Unit within the Department of Premier and Cabinet, is to bring together policy advice on issues referred to it by the Government. It does not administer programs.

The Commissioner for Social Inclusion's role is to monitor the implementation of the Government's response to the Board's advice by agencies, Government and non-government. The Commissioner does not administer programs or funds.

The combined annual staffing of the Social Inclusion Unit and the Office of the Commissioner for Social Inclusion is 16.8 FTE staff.

For budget purposes, the Social Inclusion Initiative does not have sub-programs. It has had a series of references given to it by the Government. These include reducing homelessness, improving school retention, the response to the Drugs Summit, juvenile justice and Aboriginal health.

Adopting a joined-up approach, the Social Inclusion Initiative brings together resources from across government. In addition, Cabinet has allocated specific funding to support innovation in implementing the Government's response to advice from the Social Inclusion Board. At the time of announcement, this funding for each was as follows:

- Drugs Summit first round \$12 million over four years
- Homelessness \$20 million over four years
- Drugs Summit response second round \$6.3 million over four years
- School Retention \$28.4 million over four years
- Young Offenders \$3.5 million over four years
- Aboriginal Health \$3.2 million over four years.

#### SPENDING INITIATIVES

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following:

Budget Paper 5, the Capital Investment Statement, outlines the 2006-07 investment program for the Portfolio of Premier and Cabinet. This program of expenditure was approved through the 2006-07 State Budget process.

Budget Paper 3, the Budget Statement for 2006-07, details the savings and expenditure initiatives applicable to the Portfolio of Premier and Cabinet.

Pages 2.7 and 2.8 of budget paper 3 list the approved savings initiatives for the 2006-07 financial year and forward estimates. In respect of grant reductions and the efficiency dividend, there have been contributions required in 2006-07 toward this target from a range of arts organisations. These are detailed below. Savings have not been sought from the 'maker' organisations, and nor have there been reductions in funding to artist grant programs or funding to the small-medium arts companies funded through Arts SA's Industry Development Program.

##### 2006-07 State Budget—Approved Savings Initiatives

Description of proposal	Amount 2006-07 \$'000
Efficiency dividend savings	76
Comprising:	
State Library of SA	25
SA Museum	17
Art Gallery of SA	12
History Trust of SA	5
Carrick Hill 2	
SA Film Corporation	5
Country Arts SA	5
Adelaide Festival	5

##### 2006-07 State Budget—Approved Savings Initiatives

Description of proposal	Amount 2006-07 \$'000
Reduction in grant funding to major arts organisations	250
Comprising:	
State Library of SA	95
SA Museum	25
Art Gallery of SA	20
History Trust of SA	15
Artlab Australia	5
SA Film Corporation	25
Country Arts SA	20
Adelaide Festival	25
SA Youth Arts Board	15
Disability Info Resource Centre	5

#### BUDGET, UNDER-EXPENDITURE

In reply to various members.

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** This question has been asked of various Ministers during the 2006 Estimates Committee.

The following information is provided on behalf of all Ministers:

I am advised that information relating to approved under expenditure in 2005-06 and carryover expenditure in 2006-07 will be known when the approval process is finalised.

#### CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE

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

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

The density of any proposed development of the Cheltenham Park Racecourse site would be considered as part of any Plan Amendment Report (PAR) process for the site.

Any housing development on the Cheltenham Park Racecourse site would be required to include a minimum 15 per cent affordable housing in accordance with the State Housing Plan. In addition, all new homes would be required to comply with new Government regulations to install plumbed rainwater tanks, five-star energy ratings and solar hot-water as part of the State Government's sustainability policy on climate change.

#### CASH ALIGNMENT PAYMENT AND EQUITY CONTRIBUTION

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

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following:

The two transactions referred to in Budget Paper 4, Volume 1 are independent of each other. The \$4.873 million relates to Administered Items for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, whereas the \$5.228 million relates to the controlled operations of the Department.

The \$4.873 million, referred to on page 1.33 of Budget Paper 4 Volume 1, relates to the return of surplus cash from the Administered Items of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to Government in 2006-07, in line with the cash alignment policy. Appropriation will be received in 2006-07 to ensure that the Administered Items maintain sufficient cash in the operating account to meet budgeted expenses.

The \$5.228 million equity contribution, referred to on page 1.31 of Budget paper 4 Volume 1, relates to the controlled budget of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and has no relationship to the \$4.873 million cash alignment payment, which is an administered item payment.

The \$5.228 million equity contribution relates to the 2005-06 accrual appropriation funding for the controlled budget of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** The Department of Trade & Economic Development has provided the following information:

The Government released a statement in September 2006, '*Skills for South Australia. Building on Strong Foundations*' which outlined a detailed and targeted response to the forecast labour and skills demands being created by significant growth in the mineral resources and defence sectors with flow-on benefits for advanced manufacturing, electronics and ICT.

As outlined in this statement, specific budget allocations have been set aside for these industry sectors to support the adequate supply of an appropriately skilled workforce. The following budget and resource allocations that are specific to these sectors are as follows:

Industry Sector	Budget	FTE's
Mineral Resources	\$8.58 million over four years	
Defence and Electronics	\$18.496 million over four years	1
Advanced Manufacturing	\$.015 million for 1906-07	
ICT	\$1.055 million over two years	

In addition a wide range of significant workforce development activities across government are applicable to these and other sectors. They include the Workforce Development Directorate in DFEEST, the establishment of ten trade schools, additional apprenticeships and traineeships, the development of a significant career promotions campaign with a focus on minerals and defence, skilled migration programs and the establishment of a workforce development unit in DTED (2 FTE's). There are also substantial resources from government agencies including DTED, DFEEST and DECS focused on workforce development issues both in Adelaide and in the regions. It is impractical to allocate these against specific sectors.

An officer has been dedicated to Workforce Development within the Defence unit. In addition a Mineral Resources and Heavy

Engineering Skills Centre and a Maritime Skills Centre are being established. Staffing for these centres is to be determined.

Additionally, more than \$400 million a year is already invested in South Australia in skills and employment development programs to meet the State's workforce needs in these and other sectors.

Item	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000	2008-09 \$'000	2009-10 \$'000
Whole of Department Efficiencies Savings	260	1 352	1 901	2 132
Efficiency Dividend	142	287	436	588
Arts SA central administrative operating efficiencies	50	100	100	100
Total	452	1 739	2 437	2 820

The total number of positions targeted to attain the efficiency savings is estimated at 12 full time equivalents (FTEs) and relate to project and administrative type positions. The efficiencies will be achieved through the non-renewal of contracts, natural attrition and redeployment. The impact on the provision of services is expected to be minimal, as a greater sharing of internal resources throughout the department will occur.

At this stage there are no plans to remove any positions from Arts SA as a result of the departmental efficiency or the efficiency dividend proposed. Funded arts organisations impacted by the efficiency dividend will be encouraged to identify savings without removing positions. The impact on the provision of services is expected to be minimal. Efficiency dividend savings targets in the outgoing years are yet to be allocated within the arts portfolio.

#### SOCIAL INCLUSION BOARD

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following:

To date, all of the major reports to the Government from the Social Inclusion Board have been released to the public, including those relating to homelessness, school retention and the implementation of the recommendations of the 2002 South Australian Drugs Summit.

The Social Inclusion Board's advice on reform of the mental health system will be made public in the first half of the year.

#### WORKCOVER

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

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** The Acting Minister for Industrial Relations has provided the following information:

- WorkCover is established by the *WorkCover Corporation Act 1994* as a statutory authority. The *Public Corporations Act 1993* does not apply to WorkCover.
- The *WorkCover Corporation Act 1994* specifically requires that WorkCover must appoint two or more external auditors to audit the Corporation's annual accounts. There is no statute that provides the Auditor General with any function in auditing the financial arrangements of WorkCover.
- The stipulation that the Corporation utilise two or more external auditors involves the appointment of a lead audit firm and a reviewing firm. These firms are in addition to the internal audit function of WorkCover. I am advised that traditionally, this internal audit function was undertaken by WorkCover staff who were part of an independent, but internal business unit within WorkCover.
- I am also advised that in 2004, the WorkCover Board undertook a selected tender leading to the September 2004 appointment of KPMG as principal audit firm and Ernst and Young as the reviewing firm.
- At the same time, the WorkCover Board decided to revise the internal audit function and to appoint an external professional audit firm to perform that function, ensuring that professional audit standards are consistently met and ensuring that the internal audit function remains appropriately independent from management. The Board appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers as internal auditors and PWC commenced this function in December 2004.
- Three of the top four global firms are involved in the audit function for WorkCover:

#### EFFICIENCIES AND EFFICIENCY DIVIDENDS

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

**The Hon. M.D. RANN:** I have been advised of the following: The department has reported in the State Budget Statement, Budget Paper 3 page 2.7 departmental efficiencies and efficiency dividends per the following table:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers—Internal Audit
- KPMG—Lead external auditor
- Ernst and Young—reviewing external auditor.

#### VENTURE CAPITAL BOARD

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** Two officers of the Office of the Venture Capital Board (OVCB) receive total remuneration packages of over \$100 000 per annum, as follows:

- Mr Bill Price, Chief Executive, receives a total remuneration package, including superannuation, of \$198 958.
- Mr Hugh Higgins, Principal Investment Manager, receives a total remuneration package, including superannuation, of \$101 205.

#### SECURE ELECTRONIC USER FACILITY

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The Centre of Excellence in Defence and Industry Systems Capability (CEDISC) a Defence initiative previously announced by the Government, is currently undertaking a feasibility study to evaluate the potential benefits and business case for a Secure Common User Facility as an option to help grow our local Defence Industry.

#### DEFENCE UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** As at 30 June 2006 the number of Public Sector Management Act employees was 2.

They are:

1. Chief Executive Defence Unit with a total remuneration package value of \$250 000.
2. Executive Officer Defence Industry Advisory Board which is classified as an AS07 with a base salary of approximately \$70 000 not including superannuation.

#### CURRENT ASSETS RECEIVABLE LINE

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The movement of \$57.159 million from the 2005-6 budget of \$78.820 million and the 2005-6 estimated result of \$21.6 million is due to the transfer of Industry Investment Attraction Fund debtors to the Department of Treasury and Finance on 1 July 2005 in addition to the adjustments as required by Accounting Policy Statement 17 of 99 year interest free loans. This policy statement requires the carrying value of these loans to be recorded as zero. At the time of preparing the 2005-06 budget (ie February 2005) the full impact and timing of both of these transactions was not able to be quantified.

The movement of \$9.874 million from the 2005-06 estimated result of \$21.661 million to the 2006-07 budget of \$11.787 million is due to the anticipated repayment of monies owed by the Land Management Corporation in relation to the sale of Edinburgh Parks.

#### DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The increase of 21.4 full time equivalents between 2004-5 actual and 2005-6 estimated result is as follows:

23 full time equivalents relating to the transfer of the Population Policy Unit and Immigration SA from the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the creation of additional positions relating to the Director and support staff, with the balance being comprised of new positions which were established in the DTED restructure being filled during 2005-6 offset by anticipated reduced number of redeployees in unplaced positions

The increase of 27 full time equivalents between 2005-6 estimated result and 2006-7 is as follows:

Additional positions being created to cater for high priority initiatives such as workforce development (2 fte), industrial land planning (2 fte), defence (3 fte), case management (3 fte), indigenous entrepreneur program (1 fte), Olympic Dam Taskforce (2 fte), increased resources for investment attraction (3 fte). The remaining figure represents an allowance for vacant positions expected to be filled during 2006-7 and to cater for redeployees who are anticipated to return from leave without pay (ie who may be currently on maternity leave).

#### AUSTRALIA-THAILAND FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

In reply to **Mr PISONI**.

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** Since the signing of Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement in July 2004 the Government has undertaken or supported a number of activities, including outbound and inbound trade missions, to assist exporters in South Australia to take advantage of the agreement.

This included some pre-emptive activities before the agreement came into force in January 2005, including:

- A trip to Thailand by my predecessor as Minister for Industry and Trade, Hon. Paul Holloway MLC, in August 2004. Minister Holloway met with key Thai Government Ministers and senior government and industry representatives to establish a cooperative relationship under ATFTA and to raise their awareness of, as well as to promote, South Australia's capabilities.
- Minister Holloway's mission resulted in a 37-strong automotive delegation of Thai Government officials and representatives of Thai automotive groups to South Australia in October 2004. The group came to examine the capabilities of South Australia's vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers.
- The government also supported Thai Government, education and business representatives who visited South Australia in November 2004 for an exploratory study of South Australia's horticultural industry. The tour included visits to small stone fruit growers and packers and quality assurance service providers. Quality assurance and food safety systems were identified as transferable expertise to the Thai horticultural industry. Since January 2005 the Government has undertaken or supported the following activities:
- United Water working with the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity and Conservation (DWLC) and a number of private sector water companies, along with educators and researchers from the Centre for Groundwater Studies, hosted a Thai delegation in February 2005. This visit led to the development of a course in groundwater management tailored specifically for Thai Government staff. The course was delivered in Adelaide on a fully commercial basis.
- In the months of September and October 2005, the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) supported the Eyre Regional Development Board in association with local industry undertake a week-long South Australia seafood promotion at the Nai Lert Park—a Raffles International Hotel—in Bangkok. The promotion featured kingfish, mulloway, squid, black mussels and prawns prepared by Adelaide-based, celebrity chef, Norman Thanakamonnun.
- In response to the interest of the Thai Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, DTED and DWLC supported United Water in showcasing South Australia's capabilities in management of irrigation systems, waste water management and recycling for agriculture as well as water resource mapping to Thai officials in November 2005.
- DTED hosted senior representatives of the Thai Board of Investments and the ASEAN Focus Group (Sydney-based business consulting firm) at a roundtable meeting with South Australian suppliers of medical/scientific equipment in March 2006.
- A delegation led by DTED, along with representatives from the South Australia Tourism Commission and the Adelaide Airport raised the profile of South Australia as a destination for tourism,

education and business at the *New Routes Asia* Aviation conference in April 2006. The delegation met with senior representatives of Thai Airways in an effort to pursue direct services from Thailand to Adelaide. As a result, senior Thai Airways representatives have visited Adelaide and they are currently considering options.

DTED has given in-principle support to a proposal by the Australia-Thailand Business Council to organise a trade mission to Thailand in the near future. Plans are still in the early stages of preparation.

#### MITSUBISHI MOTORS

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** In the last 5 years, Mitsubishi Motors Australia Ltd (MMAL) has received from the SA Government a total of \$35 million out of a loan commitment totalling \$40 million.

The original \$20 million loan was provided in May 2001 under the previous government. This was increased to \$40 million in December 2002, of which \$35 million was paid. However, as a consequence of the decision in May 2004 by MMAL to close its Lonsdale engine plant, Cabinet decided that the Government was under no obligation to make the fourth and final advance of \$5 million under the revised loan agreement.

Cabinet also allocated \$5 million to the Structural Adjustment Fund for South Australia (a joint project with the Australian Government)—a fund that has attracted more than \$250 million in new investment and created over 1 300 jobs in the state.

Under the original loan agreement, the loan converted to a grant at the end of calendar year 2007, if MMAL met all its obligations, including production value requirements. However, the current government renegotiated the loan agreement in July 2005 in light of the Lonsdale engine plant closure, to stipulate the following obligations on MMAL:

1. An obligation to maintain an automotive manufacturing plant at Tonsley Park until 31 December 2010 encompassing capability in the form of pressed metal stamping, body welding, body painting and vehicle assembly processes to enable mass production of motor vehicles.
2. An obligation to maintain registration under the Commonwealth ACIS (Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme) as an automotive manufacturer until 2010.
3. To release for sale a Magna replacement vehicle by 31 March 2006 and by that date expend a minimum \$450 million on development and production (the 380 was released in October 2005).
4. A guarantee from Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC), MMAL's corporate parent, of repayment of the loan in the event of default.

The return on investment relating to the loan can be measured by the fact that the changes extend MMAL's obligations until December 2010 with MMAL being required to provide the full range of manufacturing operations at its Tonsley Park plant. This implies a substantial level of commercial activity, which will translate into continuing employment and economic benefit for the State—not just direct employment within Mitsubishi but also with component suppliers—over the period of the loan.

In addition, the success of the Government's revised arrangement can be measured by the fact that the loan has been directly guaranteed by the parent company, MMC, in the event that MMAL defaults.

MMAL has also received financial assistance under the Government's generic Payroll Tax rebate schemes that are available to all employers in the state. Following are the rebate amounts over the last five years:

South Australian Pay-roll Tax Trainee Rebate Scheme—\$441 888.21  
 South Australian Pay-roll Tax Exporters Rebate Scheme—\$1 180 162.27  
 Total Rebates—\$1 622 050.48

All the figures above do not include a calculation of a rebate for the period 1/1/06 to 30/6/06 as these have not been assessed for the company as of today.

#### GENERAL MOTORS-HOLDEN

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** On 23 October 2006 the Commonwealth and South Australian Governments jointly announced that

GM Holden would receive \$13.4 million to enable the development and introduction of safety and fuel management improvements and further reduce greenhouse gas emissions on Commodore vehicles. The South Australian Government matched the Victorian Government's contribution of \$3.4 million to this initiative.

The Department of Treasury and Finance has also advised that on 15 January 1998 the then Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism undertook to provide General Motors-Holden Automotive Limited (GM-HA) with a payroll tax rebate on the Holden Vectra model to be exported out of Australia.

At the time it was estimated the rebates could be \$1.9 million however the project was not as successful as planned and only \$193 263 was provided to GM-HA from 16 March 2000 through to 18 June 2002.

RevenueSA has also advised for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2006, Holden participated in the following general schemes available to manufacturing across the board and received the following rebates:

- SA Pay-roll Tax Trainee Rebate Scheme—\$9 721 777.92
- SA Pay-roll Tax Exporters Rebate Scheme—\$4 079 182.14

### ELECTROLUX

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The \$30 million investment attraction fund will support new investment that will create sustainable job opportunities in South Australia. The new fund will be known as the Innovation and Investment Fund for South Australia.

Applications will be invited through funding rounds. Round one of the program will open on 15 November 2006 and close on 9 January 2007. Subsequent rounds will continue while funds are available.

The funding will be by way of cash grants representing a maximum of 50 per cent of the capital cost of the investment proposal.

Applications will be lodged with Invest Australia and then assessed by Invest Australia and the Department of Trade and Economic Development. All applications that meet the evaluation criteria will then be forwarded to a committee of three for approval. The committee will be chaired by Mr Phillip Pledge, Chair of SA Water and former Managing partner of Ernst & Young. The remaining members of the committee are yet to be confirmed.

### OVERSEAS OFFICE FUNDING

In reply to **Mr PISONI**.

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The information sought by the honourable member is provided in two tables below:

Overseas Offices	2004-05* Actual Net Expenditure (\$'000's)	2005-06		2006-07 Budget (\$'000's)
		Actual Net Expenditure (\$'000's)	Budget (\$'000's)	
Jinan	44	78	100	101
Shanghai	304	691	730	727
Hong Kong	889	314	250	239
Chennai	355	281	342	350
Kuala Lumpur	87	0	0	0
Singapore	620	713	938	830
Dubai	523	583	611	556

\*Hong Kong office closed February 2005. No payments to Austrade for Hong Kong representative until 2005-06 financial year.

Overseas Offices	2004-05 Commercial Representatives	2005-06 Commercial Representatives	2006-07 Commercial Representatives
Jinan	Mr Ken Xu	Mr Ken Xu	Mr Ken Xu
Shanghai	Mr Ken Xu	Mr Ken Xu	Mr Ken Xu
Hong Kong	Ms Joyce Mak	Ms Alice Jim	Ms Alice Jim
Chennai	Mr Ayub Tareen	Mr Ayub Tareen	Mr Ayub Tareen
Kuala Lumpur	Mr Tay Jay Soon	N/A	N/A
Singapore	Mr Tay Jay Soon	Mr Tay Jay Soon	Mr Tay Jay Soon
Dubai	Mr Nicholas Alister-Jones	Mr Nicholas Alister-Jones	Mr Nicholas Alister-Jones

The 2005-06 budget reports that operating efficiencies of \$1.716 million over four years will be realised from the overseas office network. This is to be achieved by more efficient operation of the network in the longer term. In 2006-07, one-off savings are to come from other program lines in the Office of Trade given the lead times required to achieve longer term savings throughout the network.

### STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT FUND

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The state contribution to the Structural Adjustment Fund during the year ended 30 June 2006 was \$3.458 million, and the Commonwealth's contribution was \$24.899 million, creating 936 direct jobs.

The breakdown of the State and Commonwealth grants are subject to confidentiality clauses in the deeds.

The total State and Commonwealth contribution over the life of the project was \$5 million and \$36.4 million respectively creating more than 1300 direct jobs.

The purposes of the grants are as follows:

- Alloy Technologies International will establish a state-of-the-art light metals foundry at Wingfield, in South Australia's Cast Metals Precinct.

- Redarc Electronics for a new purpose built electronics manufacturing facility at Lonsdale, which will allow the company to continue to upgrade and develop its product range.
- Resourceco Pty Ltd to expand and upgrade its facilities at Wingfield and the construction of a new facility at Lonsdale which will result in Resourceco receiving, sorting and redistributing over 350 000 tonnes of building and construction, commercial and industrial waste per annum.
- Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd will construct a poultry processing facility at Edinburgh Park in South Australia.
- Intercast & Forge Pty Ltd for the installation of a third cast metals moulding line, ancillary equipment and infrastructure requirements to produce components for the automotive and rail industries.
- PBR Australia Limited will expand and improve its current operations at Lonsdale in Adelaide's south, for the manufacture of automotive brake components for South Australia's car makers.
- Normanville Export Meatworks to establish a new abattoir project south of Adelaide.
- Sage Automation (SA) Pty Ltd to develop a manufacturing centre of excellence.
- ScreenCheck Australia Pty Ltd for the expansion of plastic card manufacturing plant at Melrose Park.

- BD Farm Paris Creek Pty Ltd to expand its current facilities in the Adelaide Hills.
- True Life Creation for the establishment of an International Visualisation Centre.
- Origin Energy Solar Pty Ltd to further their 'SLIVER cells' photovoltaic technology.
- Jumbo Vision International Pty Ltd to establish a large scale visual reality R&D centre at Mawson Lakes.
- Inpak Foods Pty Ltd to increase the capacity of its ingredient manufacturing and packaging business.

The industry breakdown for 936 jobs is: 40 in Automotive; 100 in Foundries; 85 in ICT; 402 in Food Processing; 121 in Waste Processing and 188 in Electronics.

The Portfolio Statement refers to creating 948 jobs. This number has now been clarified with the Commonwealth Government, which has resulted in a minor correction to the Portfolio Statement.

#### PAMC SALARIES

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** As at 24 October 2006, PAMC has nine employees with annual remuneration greater than \$100,000.

These are: Chief Executive (\$350,000-\$359,999); Director Common User Facility (\$280,000-\$289,999); Director Precinct Development (\$180,000-\$189,999); Project Manager Common User Facility (\$160,000-\$169,999); Director Corporate Affairs and Government Relations (\$150,000-\$159,999); Director Corporate Services (\$150,000-\$159,999); Manager Project Delivery Common User Facility (\$130,000-\$139,999); Manager Project Delivery Precinct Development (\$120,000-\$129,999); and, Manager Project Delivery Common User Facility (\$110,000-\$119,999).

#### VENTURE CAPITAL BOARD

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

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The 'Turning your idea into a business' and 'Equity Ready' seminars are a part of the VCB's Equity Ready program, which is a pathway for companies to follow to give them the best chance of attracting private equity investment.

The external cost of conducting the thirteen 'Turning your idea into a business' seminars and the eight 'Equity Ready' seminars for 2005-06 was around \$27 400. This includes the direct costs of the private sector presenters, venue hire and costs of private equity reviews.

The Equity Ready program also includes direct input from Office of the Venture Capital Board (OVCB) staff involved in developing the program, promoting seminars, arranging presenters and registering attendees. OVCB staff are also involved in meeting with companies to review information memoranda, management team capability, the investment opportunity and general equity readiness and also includes identification and introduction of potential investors where appropriate. The total estimated staff cost of these activities, including salary and on costs, is around \$110 000 p.a.

The results and outcomes of the program are measured in terms of improved understanding of the private equity process and increased confidence to approach investors with investable opportunities. This information is measured by questionnaire at the conclusion of the workshops and regular survey of program attendees. An

average satisfaction rating of 90 per cent has been recorded for 2005-06.

Many companies that have attended the program over the years have obtained investment from business angels, Playford Capital and formal private equity fund managers, generally with a lag of at least two years, given the long lead time associated with raising private equity.

Given that there is no obligation on companies to report on equity raisings, reliable statistics are not available. However, OVCB is aware of at least six equity ready program participants raising equity during 2005-06.

#### COMMON USER FACILITY

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**

**The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** Five consultancies were undertaken in developing the business case for the Common User Facility infrastructure. KPMG submitted one report in April 2005, at cost of \$50,000. KBR submitted one report in October 2004 at a cost of \$58,076. EconSearch submitted one report in August 2004 at a cost of \$1,800. Ernst and Young submitted two reports (September 2004 and November 2005). The cost of these two reports was \$137,000.

The total cost of the five consultancies in developing the business case was \$246,876.

#### GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK**.

**The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY:** Based on the most recent assessment for the term 2002 to 2012, the forecast expenditure by the current 12 companies for guaranteed and non-guaranteed work programs on the 98 Geothermal Licences applied for exceeds \$522 million.

The twelve companies include: Geodynamics, Petrathern, Green Rock Energy, Geothermal Resources, Pacific Hydro, Scopenergy, Torrens Energy, Eden Energy, Osiris Energy, Proactive Energy Developments, Origin Energy Resources and Tri-Star Energy.

In the 4-tier term from 2002 through 2005, about \$60 million was spent by companies on drilling, geophysical surveys, desk top studies and licence administration relating to guaranteed and non-guaranteed work programs in their South Australian Geothermal Exploration Licences (GELs). The analogous forecast expenditure for 2006 is an additional \$26.6 million, of which \$25.1 million has already been spent. Whilst it may not all eventuate, forecast expenditure associated with guaranteed and non-guaranteed work programs in our State's GELs for the term 2007-12 exceeds \$435 million.

#### TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENT NOTICE SCHEME

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

**The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY:** The fines and penalties revenue reported under Other Revenue in Table 3.14 comprise revenue from South Australia Police (SAPOL), Courts Administration Authority (CAA) and other Agencies.

The 2005-06 budget includes \$5.7 million relating to the Victims of Crime Levy which is collected in conjunction with fines. This budget item was reclassified to 'Sales of Goods and Services' as part of the 2005-06 Mid Year Budget Review.

The following table provides additional details:

	2005-06 Budget \$'000	2005-06 Estimated result \$'000	Variance \$0'000	2006-07 Budget \$'000
Fines and Penalties Revenue				
SA Police (Vol 4 page 4.44)	66 185	52 814	(13 371)	76 311
Courts Administration Authority (Vol 4 page 4.69)	22 754	20 354	(2 400)	29 069
Victims of Crime Levy	5 661	0	(5 661)	0
Other Agencies	1 300	1 332	32	1 520
Total	95 000	74 500	(21 400)	106 900

Note that the 2005-06 Estimated Result on page 4.69 includes amounts for Victim of Crime Levy.

Other Agencies with Fines and Penalties revenue include: Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation; Electoral Office; Department for Environment and Heritage.

The shortfall, of \$21 million, from the 2005-06 budget is due mainly to traffic infringement fines (\$15.771 million: SAPOL

\$13.371 million and CAA \$2.4 million) reflecting the impact of technical difficulties incurred during implementation of combined red light/speed cameras and changes in driver behaviour and reclassification of Victim of Crime Levy (\$5.661 million) to 'Sales of Goods and Services'.

**OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST**

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK**.

**The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY:** The Office of the North West was established at the Parks Community Centre in October 2004 in office accommodation provided by the Department of Families and Communities.

The fit out costs associated with the establishment of the office was \$27 323.

**OFFICE OF THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS**

In reply to **Mr GRIFFITHS**.

**The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY:** The Minister for the Southern Suburbs has provided the following information:

There is little difference in the combined estimated 2005-06 result for Supplies and Services and Grants and Subsidies compared

to the budget for 2006-07. Since the release of the budget papers the Office for the Southern Suburbs has reviewed its budget, as part of the usual mid year review process. As a result of the review, the Office has increased the allocation for Grants and Subsidies back up to \$280 000. There will be no cuts in the Grants and Subsidies allocation for 2006-07 with graffiti funding representing the bulk of the allocation. The remaining allocation is for the completion of the investment attraction strategy. Budget allocations to Supplies and Services for 2006-07 are expected to similar to 2005-06.

**ENERGY POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

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

**The Hon. P.F. CONLON:** I provide the following information: The estimated result for operating expenditure for 2005/06 on Energy Policy and Programs is up by around \$4m due to the following approved budget adjustments that occurred during the financial year.

Approved Budget Adjustment	\$'000
Remote Areas Energy Supply scheme: Cost pressure funding related to rising fuel prices (mainly diesel)	2 520
Extension of the Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income households for the 2005-06 year only. Approved via Cabinet Submission	650
Funding carried over from 2004-05 for the Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Households	533
Legal advice relating to the development of the National Energy Reform Legislation. Approved via Cabinet Submission	139
Other minor budget adjustments	189

**REMOTE AREA ENERGY SUPPLIES**

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

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

There are 13 remote area communities subsidised under the Remote Area Energy Supplies (RAES) scheme. Nine of these sites are supplied from power stations owned and operated by the South Australian Government, and managed by the Energy Division of DTEL. A tenth is supplied by a Government owned local distribution system connected to the New South Wales grid, with power purchased from a NSW retailer. Finally, three power stations and associated distribution systems are owned and operated by independent entities. They are subsidised to keep the tariffs charged to their consumers at a reasonable level.

Actual subsidies and operating costs for 2005-06, plus budget figures for 2006-07 for each of these communities are as follows (all figures are \$ 000's):

Community	Operator	Subsidy	
		2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Budget
Andamooka	Independent	901	859
Coober Pedy	Independent	4 939	2 850
Yunta	Independent	260	195
		Operating and Capital Costs	
Blinman	SA Government	171	147
Cockburn	SA Government	25	23
Glendambo	SA Government	293	259
Kingoonya	SA Government	72	57
Mannahill	SA Government	72	57
Marla	SA Government	662	598
Marree	SA Government	593	373
Nundroo	SA Government	370	260
Oodnadatta	SA Government	516	463
Parachilna	SA Government	147	312

The figures for 2006-07 are generally lower than for 2005-06 because the Federal Government has removed the excise on diesel fuel used for remote area power generation as of 1 July 2006.

Investment in capital equipment varies from year to year at each site.

**MAJOR ASSETS**

In reply to **Mr PENGILLY**.

**The Hon. P.F. CONLON:** I provide the following information: At the time of the budget the anticipated total revenue was based around the following disposals of land:

Property Location	Value \$'000
Gillman—Dry Creek	7 500
Lefevre Peninsula and Gillman	50 914
Outer Harbour	1 600
Osborne	1 200
Inner Harbour East	267
Regional Housing—Naracoorte	130
Port Waterfront Redevelopment	3 561
Edinburgh Parks	10 044
EP—Stage 0	7 100
EP—Stage 1	1 130
TP—Enterprise Village	832
TP—SOHO Joint Venture	200
TP—Parkway Terraces	951
TP—Corporate Quarter	405
Darlington	1 202
Huntfield Heights	5 065
Seaford Stage 4	650
Total	92 751

**GAS ESCAPES**

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

**The Hon. P.F. CONLON:** I provide the following information: In the financial year 2005-06, there were 3 834 gas leaks reported by the public to Envestra Limited through its contractor Origin Energy Asset Management (OEAM) and 778 third party damage incidents to the gas distribution systems (mains and services).

The incidents that are required to be reported in detail to the Technical Regulator include:

- Incidents resulting in injury requiring hospitalisation or medical consultation or death;
  - Incidents resulting in property damage estimated to be worth more than \$5 000;
  - Incidents involving a pipeline operating above 1 050kPa and threatening personal safety and/or property;
  - Incidents involving attendance of a fire brigade;
  - Others (e.g. outages affecting more than 20 customers; gas fire/explosion; gas entering a building; over-pressurisation/regulator failure; material failure/component breakdown).
- During the financial year 2005-06, Envestra (OEAM) reported 47 incidents relating to the above categories to the Technical Regulator.

**DTED PROJECTS**

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

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

LMC provides Government Agency Property Services to the majority of state government departments and agencies in accordance with Department of Premier and Cabinet Circular 114. LMC has been providing these services to DTED in relation to a number of projects, which include the South Australian Film Corporation relocation.

Other projects include the identification of suitable sites for the establishment of defence industries, a possible location for a major call centre and a site for an existing shipyard (currently located in the North Arm of the Port River) to expand its operations. Numerous locations around Adelaide are being considered for these projects, including Edinburgh Parks, Technology Park and Gillman.

#### PROJECTED BORROWINGS

In reply to **Mr VENNING.**

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

The Land Management Corporation's (LMC) total borrowings as at the 2005-06 financial year end was \$66.4 million, classified by:

- Industrial Commercial Premises Scheme (ICPS) \$56.1 million
- Loan for Port Waterfront \$6.1 million
- Loan for the SPRI building at Technology Park \$4.2 million

Loans that are provided for ICPS are typically provided back to back against a loan with a third party, for whom the facility has been purchased or constructed.

As at 2006-07 financial year end it is anticipated that borrowings will total in the order of \$100 million, classified by:

- Industrial Commercial Premises Scheme \$82.5 million
- Loan for Port Waterfront Redevelopment \$6.1 million
- Loan for the SPRI building at Technology Park \$4.2 million
- Working capital \$7.2 million

The increase in Industrial ICPS borrowings is a result of the following new facilities being acquired during the period:

- New Castalloy \$9.0 million
- Ingham's Site Edinburgh Parks \$26 million

New borrowings will be off set by the \$8 million of repayments across the portfolio of ICPS facilities, including the retirement of the Sola International facility loan.

#### PETROL PRICES

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

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

I have provided the honourable member with a booklet titled 'Understanding Petrol Prices, Answers to some frequently asked questions' from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

#### ENERGY SUPPLY

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

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

Prior to its privatisation, ETSA Corporation reported on the System Average Outage Duration (SAOD) per customer. Since privatisation, the independent regulator has reported on the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) for regions of the State, which is broadly equivalent to SAOD, so that the two measures can be compared.

Reported electricity system reliability averaged over all customers (either SAOD or SAIDI), was 108 minutes in 1991-92, 116 minutes in 1995-96 and 119 minutes in 1999-2000. Minutes without supply per customer in the five year period 2000 to 2005 ranged between 143 and 179 minutes.

In 2002, the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) identified a methodological error in the measurement of outage data by ETSA dating back to the period prior to privatisation, particularly data from rural areas. This resulted in minutes without supply being consistently understated, even though reliability targets across the regions had maintained similar levels.

Recalculating SAIDI back to 1999 using the improved methodology increased SAIDI from about 110 to 167 minutes per customer for the earlier period (1999-2000). ESCOSA considers that there has been no actual decline in reliability to customers.

ESCOSA also required ETSA to develop and install a more accurate system for collecting outage data, the Outage Management System. When the Outage Management System is fully operational, data accuracy is expected to improve further.

#### CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME

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

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

The Catchment Management Subsidy Scheme provides subsidies to Councils for stormwater infrastructure works. Previously, the Scheme was treated as an Administered Item of the Department. Following an assessment of the Scheme, the Department has now classified the Scheme as part of the controlled activities in the Department. The estimated subsidies for 2006-07 are included within the Grants and Subsidies line of the Income Statement (Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 6.4).

The Natural Gas Authority of South Australia (NGASA) was a party to gas sales contracts for purchase and sales of gas from the South Australian Cooper Basin. These contracts were entered into in 1989 and expired on 1 January 2006. The gas that was bought by NGASA was immediately on-sold to AGL and Origin Energy. These energy companies have entered into contracts with the Cooper Basin Producers in their own right since the expiry of the NGASA gas sales contracts and continue to provide natural gas to their customers in South Australia.

The NGASA has effectively wound up its role in the State's gas supply chain but, as a legal successor to the Pipelines Authority of South Australia, it has been left with a residual responsibility under *The Stony Point (Liquids Project) Ratification Act 1981*, which ratifies the Stony Point Indenture. Clause 56 of the Indenture requires the State to ensure that title is maintained to the pipeline land for the purposes of the Pipelines Authority of South Australia and Producers (Right of Way) Agreement, and to ensure that the pipeline land will be available during the currency of Pipeline Licence No.2 for utilisation by the Producers for the purposes of the pipeline.

For this reason, NGASA cannot be completely wound up until such time as other arrangements are made to meet the State's obligation to the Producers with respect to the Moomba to Port Bonython hydrocarbon liquids pipeline. The cost implications of this continued obligation are minor and therefore, no budget has been allocated.

At the Ministerial Council of Energy (MCE) Standing Committee of Officials meeting in March 2004, South Australia advised that it no longer wished to manage the MCE Central Fund. The Central Fund is the mechanism for the receipt and disbursement of funds held on behalf of the Commonwealth, States and Territories to cover the cost of agreed projects undertaken by the MCE working groups.

It was subsequently agreed that the Commonwealth would take on the role of administering the Central Fund, but it was indicated that the hand-over of this role from South Australia would not be immediate given the Commonwealth Government's requirement to establish a 'Special Account' to receive the transfer of the Central Funds currently held by South Australia.

The funds were transferred by the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure to the Commonwealth Government's Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in November 2005.

#### ELECTRICITY CONTRACT

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

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

The \$1.653 million specified as an operating initiative over four years, relates to the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure share of a Whole of Government savings initiative resulting from negotiations between the now defunct Department for Administrative and Information Services and AGL for a lower charge per kilowatt hour for peak rates on government facilities.

The Energy Divisions share is approximately 1.8 per cent of the total savings.

The savings for each year are as follows:

Year	DTEI \$'000	Energy \$'000
2006-07	398	7
2007-08	408	7
2008-09	418	7
2009-10	429	8

#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ETSA

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

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

In the Electricity Distribution Price Determination for ETSA Utilities for the 2005 to 2010 period, ESCOSA allowed a benchmark total of \$753 million in capital expenditure in real terms. ESCOSA



indicated that this is an increase of around forty percent on actual real capital expenditure of \$528 million over the 2000 to 2005 period.

Capital expenditure by ETSA Utilities in the five-year period 1994 to 1999 was \$487.5 million. The individual financial years capex were:

- 1994-95 \$89 million;
- 1995-96 \$110 million;
- 1996-97 \$93 million;
- 1997-98 \$118.9 million; and
- 1998-99 \$76.6 million.

According to ESCOSA, some of the significant reasons justifying this increase in capital expenditure allowances were the need for ETSA Utilities to provide increased network capacity to meet future demand growth, and replace and refurbish existing assets.

### BUS CONTRACTS

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

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

The estimated cost of the bus contracts for the five year period 2005-06-2009-10 is \$629,934 million.

### PORT STANVAC

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

**The Hon. P.F. CONLON:** The Deputy Premier has provided the following information:

The Government and ExxonMobil have agreed that the company will undertake an accelerated program of investigations, research and remediation at the Port Stanvac site over the next three years.

The aim of the program is to commence some remediation on the site whilst not impacting on the potential restart of refinery operations and to undertake investigations and research which will assist clean up of the entire site in the event Mobil decides not to reopen the refinery.

The Government has also granted ExxonMobil an extension of the mothballing period at Port Stanvac to 30 June 2009.

Over the next three years the Government will work with ExxonMobil on the options to see the site either fully remediated and sold for industrial development or reopened as a refinery by ExxonMobil or another suitable party.

The Government has advised ExxonMobil that it considers that the extra three years will give the company more than enough time to make a final decision as to the future of the site and therefore no further extensions beyond 2009 will be contemplated.

It should be noted that the agreements between the Government and ExxonMobil contain major contractual undertakings by the company in relation to site remediation which are in addition to and far more onerous than any obligations on the company pursuant to current environmental legislation.

### INVESTMENT IN ENERGY

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

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

The implementation of vertically-disaggregated energy markets and the former Liberal government's privatisation of the South Australian energy supply industry, have seen responsibility for funding energy infrastructure investments transferred to the private owners of the assets, with the monopoly electricity transmission and distribution network businesses' revenue largely determined by independent economic regulators.

While the owners of energy infrastructure do not generally publish the value of their individual investments as assets, the Energy Division of the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure has estimated, based upon publicly available data, that the total value of electricity and gas infrastructure assets in South Australia is approximately \$10 billion.

The Electricity Supply Industry Planning Council (ESIPC) 2006 Annual Planning Report (APR) indicates that there are two 'committed' generation projects in South Australia that are due to commence construction during 2006-07.

These projects are the 159.5 MW Stage 2 of the Babcock and Brown Lake Bonney wind farm, worth about \$300 million, and AGL's 94.5 MW Hallett wind farm, worth around \$180 million.

The APR highlights a significant number of potential projects, including the 'advanced' 250 MW expansion of the Hallett power station, worth around \$100 million, (although no date is given for construction to commence) and the expansion of the Quarantine

Power Station by Origin Energy, which may proceed, expanding the output from the current 95 MW to 170 MW.

With regards to network investment, the regulators have provided significant capital expenditure allowances for the businesses in 2006-07. ElectraNet has a capital expenditure allowance of \$51.5 million, ETSA Utilities \$149 million, and Envestra \$42 million.

While not publicly reported, Epic and SEA Gas will undertake incremental capital expenditure to maintain their respective gas transmission pipelines, the Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline System, and the SEA Gas transmission pipeline. Epic is also currently undertaking a detailed assessment of a project to build a pipeline from Ballera to Moomba, worth around \$60 to \$120 million, which, if viable, could be constructed for operation by 2008.

### FARE EVASION

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

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

Fare evasion on the rail and tram network is estimated to be 3.8 per cent. This equates to approximately \$557,000

Fare evasion on the bus network is estimated to be 0.2 per cent, which equates to approximately \$99,000.

### MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY

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

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

LMC has not in-sourced any property management activities from the private sector over the past few years.

In March 2006, the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure in-sourced the management of approximately 180 metropolitan rental properties from Taplin Pty Ltd. Under the arrangement with Taplin the agent was responsible for rental collection and lease negotiation while the department managed the payment of utilities and on charging to tenants.

The decision was made to in-source to realise the following benefits:

- Improved control over debt collection and reduced debt levels;
- Enhanced capacity to identify and deal with maintenance; and
- A more accurate information base of properties and tenants, leading to more informed decision-making.

### REPATRIATION OF PAST EARNINGS

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

**The Hon P.F. CONLON:** The Treasurer has provided the following information:

Dividends are payable by the Land Management Corporation (LMC) at a fixed percentage of after tax profit.

In addition, as part of the 2003-04 Budget it was announced that LMC would pay special dividends of \$50 million in 2003-04 and \$12 million in 2005-06 as part repatriation of retained earnings.

At the time of the 2005-06 Mid Year Budget Review LMC advised that its expected profitability for 2005-06 would exceed its original budget estimates. The stronger than anticipated financial performance by LMC in 2005-06 enabled \$4 million of the \$12 million special dividend to be deferred until 2006-07. This was incorporated in the Mid Year Budget Review estimates, which were published prior to the election.

After payment of special dividends, the LMC balance sheet remains sound. As at 30 June 2006 the net assets of LMC were \$99.5 million and LMC retained \$17.4 million in cash.

### MARION OAKLANDS INTERCHANGE

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH**

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

The Marion Oaklands Interchange will be constructed adjacent to the Morphett Road level crossing within the existing railway corridor. This option was preferred by a majority of respondents to the recent community consultation. The Interchange will deliver a modern, efficient interchange with facilities that are fully accessible for people with disabilities, and improved safety for all users.

The Interchange will provide the community with:

- A new train station adjacent to Morphett Road with associated bus interchange areas on Morphett Road;

- Facilities that improve the safety and security of passengers, such as monitored and recorded security cameras, duress alarms and increased visibility and lighting;
- A Park 'n' Ride facility for more than 230 cars;
- Kiss 'n' Ride zones for car passengers;
- Lockers for cyclists;
- A new pedestrian crossing on the southern side of the rail line for pedestrians to safely cross Morphett Road;
- Automated gates for pedestrians to safely cross the tracks at the level crossing and either end of the station; and
- Other general passenger facilities including real time train information and a ticket sales kiosk

The project was varied in response to feedback from the Marion Council and the local community. In particular, concerns were raised about buses using Crozier Terrace to access the Interchange. It was considered that this level of traffic was undesirable in a residential area and that aspect of the development was removed. Buses will now pull into dedicated bays on Morphett Road. The revised plan has the approval of the Council and the majority of the local community.

Concerns were also raised about removal of trees required to accommodate a full Interchange facility. For the approved development, only trees identified as posing a threat to public safety or noxious weed species will be removed. No trees will be removed to make way for the new Interchange. Remedial actions will be taken to minimise habitat disturbance for native fauna and, suitable native species will be selected for landscaping.

Submissions are being made to the Development Assessment Commission and Council for approval to construct the new Interchange facility adjacent to the Morphett Road level crossing. Accordingly it is intended that a contract for works will be let early next year it is expected the Interchange will be completed by the end of 2007. TransAdelaide will undertake some additional track infrastructure upgrade works immediately prior to, and immediately following the contract works.

#### ELECTRICITY GENERATION

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

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

The implementation of vertically-disaggregated energy markets and the former government's privatisation of the South Australian energy supply industry, have seen responsibility for funding energy infrastructure investments transferred to the private owners of the assets, with the monopoly electricity transmission and distribution network businesses' revenue largely determined by independent economic regulators.

The Department of Trade and Economic Development and the Office of Major Projects and Infrastructure have indicated that at present there are no Government plans for investment assistance to support electricity generation for mining projects in South Australia.

Agreements made by Australia through its membership of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) are likely to preclude direct subsidies for the electricity generation requirements of mining companies. WTO rules generally preclude direct subsidies to internationally traded goods, such as the products likely to be exported from South Australian mines.

#### PORT WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROCEEDS OF DIVIDENDS

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

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

The revenue that has been received by LMC to date from the Newport Quays development is \$4.9 million related to the transfer of remediated Precinct 1 land and minor property rentals.

Considering only the direct financial benefit associated with the Newport Quays the Governments financial feasibility identified that the total surplus resulting from the remediation and transfer of land to the consortium will be \$12.9 million.

An additional \$4.5 million is anticipated from the construction of marina berths in association with the residential development.

#### RING CYCLE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

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

No costs were incurred by the State for the recording of the *Ring Cycle* in Adelaide in 2004.

Melba Recordings, a private business, received \$5 million from the commonwealth government in 2004 to produce very high quality digital recordings of outstanding Australian music performances.

I understand that the recording of the four operas of the *Ring Cycle* was one of its first major projects.

The first CD set, of *Die Walkure*, was released earlier this year and has received great critical acclaim internationally for State Opera, and particularly for the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

*Das Rheingold*, the second instalment, has also now been released. *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung* will be released next year, with the entire boxed set available by Christmas 2007.

Although the state government has not incurred costs for this project, we are very pleased that the recordings were made for posterity, and that the CDs are increasing the worldwide recognition of this outstanding production and our fine musicians.

#### ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

**The Hon. J.D. HILL:** I have been advised: An amount of \$8 million was allocated in the Budget for the repair, upgrade and refurbishment of the Dunstan Playhouse, Artspace, public foyers and the Tutto Ku bistro. Within that allocation an allowance of approximately \$1.5 million has been made for lighting and sound equipment upgrades, which will include digital components.

#### STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

**The Hon. J.D. HILL:** I have been advised: 2005-06 Revenue

The State Library received revenue of \$7 663 for a commercial catering licence during the last quarter of 2005-06. The licence agreement commenced on 1 April 2006 and is for the use of three State Library venues being the Mortlock Chamber, Circulating Library and Morgan Thomas Boardroom during agreed times.

In addition to the licence agreement fees, the State Library received revenue of \$3 300 for the hire of the Mortlock Chamber during 2005-06.

#### SA FILM AND VIDEO

In reply to **Mr PISONI.**

**The Hon. J.D. HILL:** I have been advised: The dispersal of the SA Film and Video collection to public libraries aims to improve access to the collection by the South Australian community. Accessing the collection will operate using a similar existing and highly effective Inter Library Loan (ILL) system and will result in a reallocation of funding of approximately \$80 000 to public libraries.

It is intended that these monies will be given to public libraries in March 2007, with the parameters of spending these funds on audio visual materials.

Libraries are confident that they can manage any additional demand efficiently and effectively via normal ILL systems and processes. The existing records for items will be downloaded to the host library via the Public Library Services (PLS) system, and will require minimal staff input.

#### MORTLOCK LIBRARY

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

**The Hon. J.D. HILL:** I have been advised: From a review of the records held at the State Library, it would appear that the 1984 donors of the Mortlock bays were not consulted when further upgrade work occurred in 2000. The current Director of the State Library, Mr Alan Smith, has committed to installing appropriate acknowledgement of the 1984 donors in the Mortlock Wing.

#### DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES

In response to various members.

**The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:**

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia

Part 1

The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006 provides the information.

Part 2

Positions abolished—nil  
 Positions created—nil  
 Teachers Registration Board  
 Part 1  
 The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006  
 provides the information.  
 Part 2  
 Positions abolished—nil  
 Positions created—nil  
 The Department of Education and Children's Services  
 Part 1  
 The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006  
 provides this information.  
 Part 2  
 Positions Abolished:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Department of Education and Children's Services	Assistant Director, Budget and Finance	\$95 456.00 *
	Director, HRMS Project	\$95 456.00 *
	Director, HRMS Project	\$95 456.00 *
	Director, Financial Strategy and Resource Allocation	\$149 327.00
	Director, Learning Improvement and Support Services	\$134 674.00

## Positions Created:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Department of Education and Children's Service	Director, Organisational Development	\$105 578.00 *
	Senior Project Officer, Financial Strategy – Education Works	\$101 781.00 *
	Senior Project Officer, Financial Strategy – Education Works	\$96 981.00 *
	SACE Implementation Secretariat	\$96 981.00 *
	Manager, Student and School Performance	\$96 981.00 *
	Manager, DECS Learner Wellbeing	\$92 183.00 *
	Assistant Director, Budget and Finance	\$115 000.00
	Assistant Director, Accounting and Financial Management	\$115 000.00
	Director, Early Years	\$170 000.00

NOTE: these are salaried positions and not based on a total employment cost and depend on the position occupant and legislative act under which occupant is employed (eg. Education/Children's Services/PSM).

MINISTER FOR TOURISM  
 Adelaide Convention Centre  
 Part 1  
 The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006  
 provides the information.  
 Part 2  
 Positions abolished—nil  
 Positions created—nil  
 South Australian Tourism Commission  
 Part 1  
 The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006  
 provides the information.  
 Part 2  
 Positions abolished—nil  
 Positions created—nil  
 Adelaide Entertainments Corporation  
 Part 1  
 The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006  
 provides the information.  
 Part 2  
 Positions Abolished:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Adelaide Entertainment Centre	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	\$131 008
Adelaide Entertainment Centre	Manager Commercial Services	\$107 625

## Positions Created:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Adelaide Entertainment Centre	Finance Manager	\$109 000

## 2007 World Police &amp; Fire Games

## Part 1

The Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 2006 provides the information.

## Part 2

## Positions Abolished:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
2007 World Police and Fire Games	Chief Executive Officer	\$156 619

\* The Chief Executive Officer resigned from the position in April 2006

## Positions Created:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
2007 World Police and Fire Games	General Manager	\$115 000 per year*

\* This position was created in May 2006 and the TEC provided in the table above is the annual salary for this position.

## Surplus Employees as at 30 June 2006

Minister for Education and Children's Services:

The Senior Secondary Assessment Board of SA had no surplus employees as at 30 June 2006.

The Teachers Registration Board had no surplus employees as at 30 June 2006.

The Department of Education and Children's Services surplus employees as at 30 June 2006 are as listed:

Position Title	Classification	TEC Cost*
Administrative Officer	ASO1	\$35 036
Project Officer	OPS2	\$40 321
Personal Assistant	ASO3	\$46 453
Research Officer	ASO3 (0.7fte)**	\$32 517
Cataloguing Librarian	PSO1	\$51 874
Research Librarian	PSO1 (0.2fte)**	\$10 375
Records Management Officer	ASO4	\$51 874
Graphic Designer	TGO2	\$51 874
Senior Project Officer	ASO5	\$61 944
Communications Officer	ASO5	\$61 944
Policy Officer	ASO5	\$61 944
Business Manager	ASO6	\$67 989
Project Officer, IT	ASO6	\$67 989
Manager, Personnel	ASO6	\$67 989
Co-ordinator Special Projects	ASO6	\$67 989
District Co-ordinator	ASO6	\$67 989
Senior Project Officer	ASO7	\$76 759
Project Manager HRMS	ASO8	\$82 849
Project Director	MAS3	\$84 354
TOTAL:		\$1 090 063

Please note:

List only includes Public Sector Management Act employees who are Declared excess across government

\*amount shown is annual salary without any on costs included

\*\*salary has been adjusted to actual time worked

Surplus employees as at 30 June 2006

Minister for Tourism

Agencies reporting to the Minister for Tourism had no surplus employees as at 30 June 2006.

## PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT

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

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The Acting Treasurer has provided the following information:

Treasury and Finance conducted a survey of all agencies seeking the number of FTEs in their portfolio on the pay day (or days) prior and closest to 22 May 2006.

Subsequent to that survey the Government has determined that it will establish FTE caps for agencies based on their level of salary and wages funding.

A process is on-going between Treasury and Finance and agencies to establish these caps and will take into account budget funding levels and the information provided by agencies.

It is intended that agency caps will be in place by the end of 2006.

As indicated in my original response these caps will be adjusted for changes in Government funding decisions that require changes in staffing levels in agencies.

## RETIREMENT VILLAGES

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND.**

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** During the 12 month period from September 2005, the Office for the Ageing within the Department for Families and Communities received 443 enquiries from a range of individuals including residents, prospective residents and administering authorities, and conducted ten mediations. Ten applications were made to the Residential Tenancies Tribunal.

Of the ten applications made to the Residential Tenancies Tribunal, three were settled prior to a full hearing and therefore withdrawn and one matter dismissed. Each of the six cases heard by the Tribunal were from different villages and largely related to disputes over settlement or remarketing. Two determinations were in favour of residents and one was in favour of the administering authority. One matter was administrative and two are pending full hearings.

## EMERGENCY CARE

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN.**

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Of the \$53.487 million in the 2005-06 estimated result, \$3 179 202 (\$2 920 935 for emergency care and \$258 267 for accommodation) was spent on hotel, motel or apartment accommodation for children in need of emergency care.

## TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND.**

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The Minister for Transport has provided the following information:

When changes to the South Australian Subsidy Scheme (SATSS) are introduced, there will be increased flexibility for members of the scheme living in Regional South Australia. The changes will enable members to use multiple vouchers to cover the cost of the longer distances they are required to travel compared to the Metro members. The details of how this will operate in practice are being developed and will be announced shortly.

## AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER FUNDING

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND.**

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Services for at least 100 extra children will be provided by the expenditure of \$1 million per annum over the next 4 years. The new funding will enhance the capacity of current early childhood intervention services, both in the government and non-government disability sector, to respond to the increasing demand for services by families seeking support for their young children who have autism these services include counselling, post diagnostic family supports services, respite and individual therapeutic interventions for children. The funding will also support the further development of more effective practice models and better researched approaches.

## SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND.**

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** In May 2005 the Treasurer, Kevin Foley, announced a \$92 million boost for disability in the 2005-06 budget. The \$92 million included \$67 million recurrent funding over four years and an immediate one-off injection of \$25 million.

The \$67 million dollars was to provide ongoing funding for the following range of programs:

- \$20 million for day activity programs including Moving On for school leavers;
- \$18 million for in-home care for people with disabilities including psychiatric disabilities;
- \$3.5 million for public transport assistance;
- \$3.5 million for students with disabilities; and
- \$22 million to support more students with specific needs.

The \$25 million one-off funding was provided to Minda, Orana and more than 100 other non-government organisations.

Investing strategies are strategies that have the impact of allowing agency resources to be applied to the recurrent needs of customers so that future expenditure will be avoided. For instance the funding was applied to the purchase of 25 buses for day options service providers, equipment for children and a major study to create better pathways for people with disabilities in the TAFE system.

### GOVERNANCE REFORMS AND BUILDINGS

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** I can advise that the majority of buildings used for customer service are leased by the Department. Only eight buildings throughout the state are owned.

The Department is currently working on a program to establish Connected Service Centres throughout the state and may retain some owned buildings if they are suitable for service delivery.

The program to deliver the new Connected Services Centres will be based on current lease terms, appropriate location to serve our customers, functionality/suitability of the premises, condition of asset and pressures to accommodate staff.

It will be necessary to relocate the majority of units to larger sites and this may result in some owned buildings becoming surplus to requirements. Buildings will be disposed via the government disposal policy.

### SOCIAL HOUSING CHARGES

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The projected increase in revenue within the social housing sector will be achieved through changes to the way that rent is calculated. This will include rent charged on cottage flats and will result in increased revenue within the social housing sector over a period of four years as follows:

Policy Initiatives	Revenue 2007-08 (\$ million)	Revenue 2008-09 (\$ million)	Revenue 2009-10 (\$ million)	Ongoing Revenue (\$ million)
Assess all Family Tax Benefits at 15%	1.926	1.999	2.049	2.1
Assess income of non dependent children under 21 at 15%	1.226	1.475	1.512	1.55
Assess income of non dependent children 21 years or more at 20%	0.602	0.709	0.727	0.745
Increase 1 bedroom Cottage Flat rents to 21%	0.81	0.81	0.83	0.851
Increase 2 bedroom Cottage Flat rents to 25%	0.516	0.726	0.744	0.763
Increase Bedsit Cottage Flat rents to 19%	0.038	0.038	0.039	0.04
Total	5.118	5.757	5.901	6.049

The Rent Relief Scheme was closed to new applicants by the previous Government in 2000. Final closure for existing recipients occurred on 3 October 2006 with a final payment to eligible recipients to occur on 5 February 2007. Expenditure in 2005-06 was \$1.16 million. Closure of the scheme will provide a saving of \$0.48 million in 2006-07.

The introduction of water usage charges consistent are not expected to be implemented until the second half of 2007-08. \$1.61 million in water use charges were recoverable from public housing tenants (from a total water usage cost of \$6.5 million). Recoverable charges applies only for those properties with individual meters where households had used more than 125kL of water.

In addition, sewer and water supply charges across both public and Aboriginal housing cost a total of \$16 million in 2005-06. These costs are funded by housing agencies as a landlord responsibility.

### HOUSING SA

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The \$6.864 million referred to in Budget Paper 5, page 43 under Annual Programs for the South Australian Housing Trust consists of \$5.514 million for Information Systems Development Capital Projects and \$1.350 million, comprising of \$0.187 million for capital office equipment and \$1.163 million for office accommodation and fit-out. Of the \$1.163 million for office accommodation and

fit-out, the following regional office budget provisions have been made:

- Port Lincoln—\$0.02 million
- Port Pirie—\$0.02 million
- Whyalla—\$0.26 million
- Adelaide—\$0.018 million
- Marion—\$0.315 million
- Port Adelaide—\$0.09 million
- Mount Gambier—\$0.44 million

The cost of restructuring and establishing the new Housing SA is not included in the budget under Annual Programs. Specific incidental costs associated with the governance reforms have been dealt with from within existing resources. In 2005-06, an estimated \$156 000 was spent on the Housing SA Reform with a further

\$150 000 expected to be spent in 2006-07. This does not include ICT costs for which around \$125 000 has been allocated.

### CAPITAL WORKS

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The \$18.8 million variation in the SA Housing Trust capital works budget for 2005-06 compared with the 2005-06 estimated result is the consequence of numerous factors which include:

- \$13.4 million reduction in Public Housing Construction and Redevelopment arising from:
  - \$18.2 million re-allocation of budgeted expenditure on affordable housing initiatives to future years to reflect project approvals, and the
  - \$4.5 million reclassification as recurrent expenditure, and
  - \$2.7 million for capital maintenance; offset by
  - \$5.0 million land 'swap' with Land Management Corporation to consolidate land holdings at Seaford Meadows
  - \$3.0 million to accelerate the Westwood urban renewal project
  - \$2.4 million for the Strathmont Centre redevelopment
  - \$0.5 million for the redevelopment of the Afton House boarding house; and
  - The remaining variance of \$1.1 million reflecting the net impact of carry over adjustments and other minor adjustments resulting from underlying program activity
- \$7.8 million reduction in Public Housing Capital Maintenance, the majority of which (\$7 million) has been carried over into 2006-07, following the delayed release of works contracts while awaiting the outcome of the mid-year budget review deliberations
- \$1.8 million reduction in the Crisis Accommodation Program, with the majority (\$1.7 million) carried over in 2006-07; offset by
- \$4.3 million increase in SA Housing Trust Management Assets in 2005-06, due to the carry over of unspent funds from 2004-05.

### LAND TAX

In reply to **Mr PENGILLY**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** No.

**ADOPTION**

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The total number of adoption orders granted in South Australia in the year 2005-06 was 72. Of these, 69 were for children adopted from overseas.

No funds were paid by the South Australian government to overseas adoption agencies for the placement of children in South Australia.

**DFC TRAINING**

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** No Commonwealth funding is budgeted to be received as a result of the Department for Families and Communities being an enterprise registered training organisation (RTO). As an RTO the Department for Families and Communities is however eligible to apply for Commonwealth funds through User Choice funds and via tenders, if they are applicable to the department's learning needs.

**EFFICIENCY DIVIDENDS**

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The efficiency dividend was applied across the department. Strategies are being developed at the operational level as to how these savings will be met. As at 17 October the reduction in number of FTEs had not been determined.

**TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PACKAGES**

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Targeted Voluntary Separation Packages for employees of the Department for Families and Communities were offered in June 2006 with 10.6 FTEs accepting the offer (12 employees in total of which 9 were full-time and 3 part-time employees).

**EFFICIENCY DIVIDENDS**

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

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** I have been advised of the following:

The Office of Public Employment's saving strategy will remove three positions; 1 Project Director and 2 employees from the Unattached Unit

The impact of these savings is that some project work may be transferred to other government agencies, or if continued, will have less staff available to be allocated to it.

**GAMBLING REVENUE AND COMMUNITY GRANTS**

In reply to **Mr PISONI**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Funds from gambling revenue are allocated to community groups through the Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund (GRF) and the Charitable and Social Welfare Fund which is also known as Community Benefit SA.

The GRF allocates funding to a range of initiatives aimed at addressing problem gambling. These include the gambling help services which consist of the Break Even services, Gambling Helpline, specialist services and financial counselling. The allocation to services in 2005-06 was \$4.44 million. Other allocations are made for service support, for example, agency training, library services and administrative costs which include program coordination and office supplies.

In 2005-06 Community Benefit SA allocated \$3.9 million in grants to non-government non-profit community service organisations for the benefit of disadvantaged individuals, families and communities. The allocations for 2006-07 will be made in December 2006 and June 2007. The timing of these allocations has been established since 1997-98.

**SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION**

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The Department for Families and Communities, Supported Accommodation Assistance Program provides 22 Domestic Violence services across South Australia with 14 of these services providing emergency accommodation. The budget allocation to these services for 2006-07 is \$7 054 800, which comprises \$3 174 660 of State Government funding (45 per cent) and \$3 880 140 Commonwealth Government funding (55 per cent).

**SURPLUS EMPLOYEES**

In reply to **Ms REDMOND**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Surplus Employees as at 30 June 2006

Minister for Families and Communities  
Minister for Housing  
Minister for Ageing  
Minister for Disability

There were 17 surplus employees as at 30 June 2006, for the Department for Families and Communities (DFC).

Department/Agency	Position Title	Classification	TEC Figure
DFC	Senior Administration Officer	ASO4	\$64 324
DFC	Executive Assistant	ASO2	\$44 352
DFC	Principal Injury Management Adviser	ASO6	\$84 306
DFC	Manager, Library Services	PSO3/ASO6	\$77 168
DFC	Audit Manager	ASO7	\$83 667
DFC	Principal Project Manager	ASO7	\$84 435
DFC	IT & T Consultant	ASO6	\$87 705
DFC	Youth Worker	OPS3	\$50 634
DFC	Aboriginal Family Practitioner	PSO1	\$51 219
DFC	Aboriginal Family Practitioner	PSO1	\$56 541
DFC	Senior Youth Practitioner	OPS4	\$57 061
DFC	Manager, Operational Policy	MAS3	\$104 599
DFC	Senior HR Consultant	ASO6	\$81 210
DFC	Manager, Employee Services	ASO7	\$91 918
DFC	Enrolled Nurse	EN	\$38 166
DFC	Enrolled Nurse	EN	\$42 312
DFC	Enrolled Nurse	EN	\$43 094
			Total: \$1 142 711

## DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Ms REDMOND**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Positions with a TEC of \$100 000 or more Between 30 June 2005 and 30 June 2006  
Minister for Families and Communities  
Minister for Housing  
Minister for Ageing  
Minister for Disability

Salary Band	DFC*	ILC	IDSC	JFS	HomeStart	Total
100 000-199 999	65	0	19	1	8	93
200 000-319 999	3	0	0	1	3	7

\*The salary banding for employees of the Department for Families and Communities includes staff who work in the Department for Families and Communities, the South Australian Housing Trust, Aboriginal Housing Authority and South Australian Community Housing Association.

## POSITIONS ABOLISHED:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
HomeStart	Director Marketing and Communications	\$170 500
HomeStart	Business Development Executive	\$101 339
HomeStart	Director IT	\$154 098
HomeStart	Director Retail Mortgage Division	\$142 276
HomeStart	Marketing and Communications Executive	\$106 815

## POSITIONS CREATED:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Department for Families and Communities	Director Procurement and Contract Management	\$124 661
Department for Families and Communities	Director Volunteering	\$136 976
Department for Families and Communities	Deputy Executive Director, Families SA	\$147 870
Department for Families and Communities	Director Learning and Development	\$155 250
HomeStart	General Manager, Retail Services	\$190 000
HomeStart	General Manager, Corporate Finance	\$185 000
HomeStart	Head Retention	\$101 339

## SURPLUS EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** Surplus Employees as at 30 June 2006

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation

Department/Agency	Position Title	Classification	TEC Cost
Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation Division	Senior Project Officer	ASO7	\$90 000
Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation Division	Team Leader, Port Augusta	ASO6	\$79 000
Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation Division	Operational Services Officer	OPS4	\$61 000
Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation Division	Project Officer	ASO3	\$61 000
			Total: \$291 000

## TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME

In reply to **Mrs REDMOND**.

**The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL:** The Minister for Transport has provided the following information:

When changes to the South Australian Subsidy Scheme (SATSS) are introduced, there will be increased flexibility for members of the scheme living in Regional South Australia. The changes will enable members to use multiple vouchers to cover the cost of the longer distances they are required to travel compared to the Metro members. The details of how this will operate in practice are being developed and will be announced shortly.

## DAIRY INDUSTRY

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

**The Hon. R.J. McEWEN:** The rehabilitation and restructuring program in the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Area has resulted in a reduction of irrigated area available for dairying from around 5 000 ha to 4 000 ha. The major community benefits for this program

are to increase water use efficiency for irrigation and improve water quality by limiting farm run-off and significantly reducing pollutants such as nutrients and bacteria from entering the River Murray.

Restructure assistance measures applied through this program and other factors such as drought impacts, lower milk prices in 2002 and 2003, together with consolidation of some smaller dairy farms into larger and more viable businesses, has resulted in a greater exit of dairy farmers than initially anticipated. A number of farmers decided to take advantage of the high value of water and their new permanent water allocations by selling this asset and retiring from dairying.

In the five years to June 2006, dairy farmer numbers on the swamps have reduced from over 100 to 55. At the same time dairy farm numbers in SA have reduced from 538 to 383.

The combined impact of reduced land available for irrigation, restructuring of the farm sector and other issues described has resulted in a 20 percent reduction in milk production from this area, or around 24 million litres. This lost production which is approximately three percent of State milk production was factored into the revised Dairy Plan Update in 2005.

In the 2005 Update to the State Dairy Plan led by the Dairy

Industry Development Board, the very challenging target to double milk production potential from 700 million litres to 1.5 billion litres by 2010 was revised to a more achievable 1.2 billion litres by 2013. This latter target is consistent with the State Export Plan for 2013.

The Government, through the Dairy Industry Development Board, and various projects in PIRSA and other agencies will continue to work with industry towards achieving the potential identified in the revised State Dairy Plan.

#### FISHERIES COMPLIANCE AND THE MARINE SCALEFISH NET RESTRUCTURE

In reply to **Mr PEDERICK**.

**The Hon. R.J. McEWEN:** The restructure of the marine scalefish net fishery resulted in the removal of 61 net endorsements and a reduction of 44.7 per cent in the annual average net fishing effort in the marine scalefish fishery. Five additional areas closed to net fishing were introduced as a result of the restructure, with the largest area being around Yorke Peninsula.

There are currently eight regional offices across South Australia from which Fisheries Compliance Officers operate. There has been no increase in Fisheries Compliance services as a result of the restructure and the increase in no-netting areas as coastal waters were already regularly patrolled to monitor a range of fishing activities. Fisheries Compliance service levels attributed to the commercial sector have decreased for the current financial year, but total costs have slightly increased due to a change in the daily charge out rate under the government's transparent cost recovery policy. Under the cost recovery policy only those management and compliance costs attributed to the commercial sector are charged to that sector under annual fishery licence fees.

#### PRAWNS, WHITE SPOT DISEASE

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

**The Hon. R.J. McEWEN:** All Australian wild prawn populations are considered free of white spot disease. There has been a documented outbreak of the disease in the Northern Territory in 2000 following use of imported prawn meat as feed in a prawn farm. The disease was successfully eradicated. White spot remains an international notifiable disease in Australia.

All prawn meat imported as bait must be cooked before importation to reduce the risk of introduction of diseases such as white spot. Regulations regarding the importation of raw aquaculture prawn meat into Australia by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) stipulate that it is to be imported for human consumption only.

In response to the recent increase in volume of aquaculture prawn meat being imported into Australia, South Australia, through its membership of both the National Aquatic Animal Health Technical Working Group and the Aquatic Animal Health Committee, has sought that Biosecurity Australia complete the Import Risk Assessment (IRA) as a matter of urgency. Biosecurity Australia has responded to this request and a finalised IRA with associated controls on imports is expected to be released by the end of 2006. In the interim, monitoring of the importation of raw aquaculture prawn meat remains the responsibility of AQIS.

#### TEC COST

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I am advised:

1. I refer the member to the 2006 Auditor-General's Report.
2. Between 30 June 2005 and 30 June 2006:
  - (a) Positions Abolished:

Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
Emergency Services Administrative Unit	Director Business Services and Performance Management	\$116,744
(b) Positions Created		
Department/Agency	Position Title	TEC Cost
SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission	Director Human Services	\$100,068
SA Metropolitan Fire Service	Assistant Chief Officer	\$137,011*

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I am advised:

Between 30 June 2005 and 30 June 2006:

Minister for Correctional Services

1. I refer the member to the 2006 Auditor-General's Report, Volume 1, page 289.
2. No positions have been abolished or created during this period.

#### DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

**The Hon. CARMEL ZOLLO:** I am advised:

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission had no surplus employees as at 30 June 2006.

#### OFFICE FOR WOMEN

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

**The Hon. J.M. RANKINE:** Further to my response to this question on 23 October 2006, I am able to clarify that the Office for Women does not operate a paper-based system and that the Premier's Women's Directory is an internet-based tool. Due to the need to constantly update the Directory, the current system provides distinct advantages. For some years now, the Office for Women has ensured that the Premier's Women's Directory is available on the internet. The electronic nature of the Directory enables the Office for Women to provide decision-makers across Government with access to the capable, board-ready women that are featured on the Directory.

The Office also conducts searches of the database for interested parties if requested to do so.

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

In reply to **Mr PENGILLY**.

**The Hon. J.M. RANKINE:** The issue referred to by the Honourable Member does not form part of the State/Local Government Relations Agreement or its Schedule of Priorities.

#### STRATEGIC STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

**The Hon. J.M. RANKINE:** The topic of the strategic assessment of public land is an agreed item in the schedule to the State/Local Government Relations Agreement, and is currently a project under the auspices of the Minister's State/Local Government Forum. The aim of the project is to identify an effective and cooperative process for dealing with surplus and underutilised public land.

Recommendations arising from the project were fed into the review of the Cabinet guidelines to State agencies for the identification, disposal or re-development of disposal of public land.

Information sessions will be held for Local Government elected members and staff to provide advice on the relevance of revised guidelines to councils. Relevant councils will also be invited to participate in targeted reviews of all government property holdings in selected geographic areas to identify opportunities for improved utilisation, redevelopment or disposal.