

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

14 and 15 and 20 to 22 June 2000

## REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

**Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for  
Consumer Affairs, and Minister for Police,  
Correctional Services and Emergency Services**

## GST COMPLAINTS AGAINST BUILDERS

In reply to **Ms RANKINE**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I have been advised by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs of the following information—

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs has received 16 consumer complaints in the past 12 months up to 29 June 2000, concerning GST related issues with builders. In all cases, delays in construction will result in a GST liability to either the builder, the consumer or both depending on the contractual arrangements. In three cases, the consumer contract does not have a GST clause and therefore the builder should not attempt to pass on any GST costs to consumer.

In all cases, the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs is seeking a resolution through negotiation with the builder. Allegations of unfair or illegal conduct by a builder will also be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

## SPOT CHECKS

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I have been advised by the Liquor and Gaming Commissioner of the following information:

Neither Liquor and Gaming Commissioner nor the Commissioner of Police engage in entrapment to detect offences relating to minors under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997. The Liquor and Gaming Commissioner does not undertake spot checks but does follow all complaints from the public either by inspection or covert or overt task force operations in conjunction with the police. The police would likewise respond to any complaint from the public and would enforce the Act as it relates to minors as part of general policing of licensed premises.

Under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 it is an offence for a minor to obtain or consume liquor on regulated premises which include licensed premises. Section 110(1) of the Act provides that 'if liquor is sold or supplied to a minor on licensed premises, the licensee, the manager of the licensed premises, and the person by whom the liquor is sold or supplied are each guilty of an offence'. In contrast, the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 does not create an offence for minors to purchase tobacco products.

A breach of section 110 is a summary offence and as such the Criminal Law (Undercover Operations) Act 1995 does not apply because the breach does not fall within the meaning of 'serious criminal behaviour' for the purposes of section 2 of that Act. Section 2 is a precondition for approval of under cover operations pursuant to section 3 of that Act.

Therefore the use of a minor for entrapment purposes under the Liquor Licensing Act is governed by common law. The Crown Solicitor has advised that in his opinion 'evidence of a breach of section 110 of the Act which was tainted by an unlawful act by a minor, particularly where that minor was acting in cooperation with the authorities would in all likelihood be excluded by a court on public policy considerations'.

The Crown Solicitor further advises that: 'Entrapment in the circumstances under consideration could lead to a stay of proceedings for abuse of process. Evidence of a breach of section 110 of the Act would necessarily be obtained by unlawful (and improper) conduct. The exclusion of evidence of the purchase by the minor would have the result that any prosecutions would necessarily fail and continuing a prosecution in those circumstances would be vexatious and oppressive: see *Ridgeway v R* (supra).'

Given this advice it is clear that the Liquor and Gaming Commissioner and the Commissioner of Police have acted properly in not engaging in entrapment using minors under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997.

## TOMATO CONSORTIUM

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I provide the following information:

The consultant is called Tomato Consortium. Their office is located at:

Office 1, Level 2  
Rundle Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

The services of Tomato Consortium was engaged by the Crime Prevention Unit of the Attorney-General's Department to produce a database for the Local Crime Prevention Committee Program.

## CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I have been advised of the following response:

- Yes, the Crown Solicitor's Office work in running C.I.C. files is payable by the fund;
- The Crown Solicitor's Office charges per attendance; BUT
- The vast majority of the work on files and attendances at court is performed by Law Clerks, not solicitors;
- The Law Clerks usually attend court at any one time on a large number of matters and therefore the cost of attendance is spread over a large number of files;
- The Crown Solicitor's Office often assists private practitioners by obtaining orders of the court without the need for practitioners to attend thus ensuring minimal inconvenience to the profession whilst maintaining court efficiency;
- Solicitors of the Crown Solicitor's Office are usually only involved at trial and charge for work and attendance at court on an hourly basis;
- There are approximately 3 089 current criminal injuries compensation claim files held by the Crown Solicitor's Office pending resolution.
- When considered against the total cost to the fund for financial year ending June 2000 the average Crown Solicitor's Office cost to the fund is estimated at \$286.50 per file. This takes into account law clerks, solicitors and counsel fees.
- The average cost to the fund for private practitioners per file is not readily available however the solicitor's schedule fee alone is \$600.00 and in addition there are various fees for attendance to obtain consent orders, attendance at pre-trial conference including preparatory work and counsel fee.
- It is plain therefore that the Crown Solicitor's Office provide an efficient and cost effective service to the fund per file, and at an average cost per file that is less than the schedule fee charged by the profession.

## PUBLISHER SELF-REGULATION

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I provide the following information:

South Australia participates in a national legislative scheme for the classification of publications, films and computer games. The Commonwealth Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 prescribes the National Classification Code, which stipulates the categories applicable to publications, films and computer games. The Code indicates what type of material is permitted in each category. In the case of publications, there are four categories—Unrestricted, Category 1 Restricted, Category 2 Restricted, and Refused Classification. These categories apply throughout Australia by virtue of the complementary State and Territory legislation.

The Commonwealth Act requires certain publications (essentially those whose content is such that they may require to be legally restricted to adults) to be submitted to the national Classification Board, for consideration and assignment to a category. The Board will mark the publication with designated markings showing to which category it has been assigned. If a publication is legally unsubmittable, it cannot be published until it has been classified.

Under the complementary South Australian Act, the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995, a publication classified Unrestricted may be lawfully sold to any

person. A publication classified Category 1 Restricted may only be sold in a sealed opaque package to an adult purchaser. A publication classified Category 2 Restricted can only be sold or displayed to an adult purchaser in a restricted publications area, which is not open to any person under 18.

In addition to the National Code, censorship ministers have approved sets of guidelines for the classification of publications, films and computer games, which expand on the Code and give more detailed guidance in classification. The guidelines are periodically reviewed. The publications guidelines were reviewed most recently, a process which incorporated public consultation and expert advice. A revised set of guidelines took effect on 1 September 1999.

These latest guidelines provide specifically for the situation where the Board considers that a publication does not warrant legal restriction to adults, but nevertheless is intended for a mature audience and is not children's reading. In that case, the guidelines provide that the Board may identify such publications as 'not recommended for readers under 15 years' and may mark them with a consumer advice to this effect.

Further, there is legislation currently before the Commonwealth Parliament which would also enable the Board, having identified such material, to impose a requirement that the publication be sold in a sealed bag.

Under the national scheme, the one set of classifications applies and the same film, game or publication is classified in the same way throughout Australia. Classification is done by the national Board for all the States and Territories. However, each State and Territory legislates for itself as to which categories of material are to be lawful within its jurisdiction. Also, some States, including South Australia, retain their own classification bodies with a power to depart from a national classification in respect of a particular item in their discretion.

Because censorship matters are dealt with through this national scheme, it is not practicable to introduce a scheme of publisher self regulation for South Australia alone. It would mean that where a book is to be sold or distributed in South Australia, it would need to comply not only with the national requirements but also the State ones, which would be different. Thus, publishers would need to identify and separately classify, those books which would be offered for sale here. The industry would no doubt find this onerous. It might also mean that books would appear here later than they appeared in other jurisdictions. One should also recall that books are also sold over the internet and by mail order, so that quite possibly there would be two versions in circulation in South Australia, first the unmarked version released elsewhere, and later the version marked in accordance with the suggested scheme.

Moreover, since the scheme would rely on the publisher correctly classifying the item, one can anticipate that there may be inconsistencies arising between different publishers in their assessment of the age group at which a particular text was aimed, even though working from the same set of guidelines. This has the potential to cause confusion.

Hence, any scheme involving publisher self-regulation would have to be on a national scale.

If a publication warrants a consumer warning, or legal restriction to adults, the present classification system (together with the amending Bill before the Commonwealth Parliament) attends to this. If any member of the community considers that a classification attached by the Board is inappropriate, he or she may complain to the South Australian Classification Council, which can consider the matter and may, if it sees fit, depart from the national classification. In general, however, the decision as to what a child reads is one for the parents to make in accordance with their values.

#### SA CLASSIFICATION COUNCIL

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I provide the following information:  
Budget

The annual budget is \$4 400. The amount expended to 31 May 2000 is \$2 015.00.

Current Council Members

Julie Redman (Chairperson)

Naomi Arnold

Michael Dawson

Ann Deslandes

Katherine O'Neill

Wilhelmina Chapman (Registrar)

Payment to Council Members

Council members are paid a sessional fee:

- Chairperson \$160.00 per session
- Council member \$140.00 per session

Where a meeting lasts less than four hours and provided that at least two hours have elapsed, the full sessional fee is to be paid. For less than two hours, the hourly equivalent is to be paid for each completed or partially completed hour.

Employees of the government do not receive payment of sitting fees.

Sitting Time

The council has met 6 times for the period 1 July 1999 to 31 May 2000. The total sitting hours were 7 hours and 15 minutes.

Selection of Council Members

S8 (1) of the Classification (Publication, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 requires that:

- The council is to consist of six members appointed by the Governor, of whom—
  - (a) one is to be a legal practitioner; and
  - (b) one is to be a person with expertise relating to the psychological development of young children and adolescents; and
  - (c) one is to be person with wide experience in education.

Current members of council meet this criteria.

Government Staff

Duties of the Registrar are included as part of the overall duties of a public servant employed by the Attorney-General's Department.

A legal practitioner employed by the Department is a member of Council and part of her regular duties are concerned with censorship issues.

Classification by Council

Council received written complaints about 3 publications and 4 films between 1 July 1999 and 31 May 2000.

Of these one film was classified. One film is still to be viewed by council.

In addition approximately 120 telephone and 10 written queries were received by the Registrar.

Variation from Office of Film and Literature (OFLC)

One film was given a different classification from that given by the OFLC.

#### BUDGET INCREASE—MINISTER'S OFFICE

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON**.

**The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN:** I have been advised of the following response:

- Two ministers are served from one central office located in the Attorney-General's Department and Attorney-General's Office. This provides a better co-ordinated cross portfolio approach serving the best interests of the two ministers and the government and its agencies.
- The increase over the previous year is represented by:
  - increases in salaries costs as flowing from the implementation of wages parity and other increases in salary and related oncosts of \$107 500;
  - an increase of \$65 500 in depreciation expenses as a result of changing the rate of depreciation from 25 years to 10 years in accordance with accounting standards; and
  - once-off funding provided internally for both ministers' overseas travel commitments for 2000-01 of \$25 000.

#### PROTEST ACTIVITY—MARREE

In reply to **Hon. G.M. GUNN**.

**The Hon. R.L. BROKENSHIRE:** I have been advised by the Police of the following response:

On Tuesday 6 June 2000 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. approximately 20 protesters blocked the Oodnadatta Track, 25 kms north of the Borefield Road on Stuarts Creek Station to all traffic.

Protesters used vehicles, railway sleepers, cones, chairs and tables, and themselves to blockade traffic and lit a fire in the middle of the road. A tourist bus from William Creek was forced to stop at this blockade, as was other traffic.

All traffic, after being stopped, were handed anti-uranium and anti-Western Mining Corporate pamphlets, and were then able to proceed unimpeded.

The Officer in Charge, Marree Police Station attended at the roadblock at about 5 p.m. and directed that the road be cleared. This was completed at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, 7 June 2000 between 8 a.m. and 12 midday, the

protesters again blocked the road, stopping vehicles travelling along the road. Again, after listening to the protesters concerns they were able to proceed unimpeded.

The officer in charge, Marree Police Station again ordered the removal of the roadblock, this was complied with and the protesters moved back to their camp nearby at Lake Eyre South. No further roadblocks have been placed on the roadway by the protesters since that time.

Several members of the public reported this matter to Marree Police prompting his attendance. Information from Western Mining Security indicated that at least one vehicle was turned back by the protestors, but no complaint was received in relation to that matter.

### LOCK DOWNS

In reply to **Mr KOUTSANTONIS**.

**The Hon. R.L. BROKENSHIRE:** I have been advised by the Department for Correctional Services of the following response:

As a direct result of staff shortages, one unit of the Adelaide Remand Centre was locked down on one occasion during the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000. Whilst the Unit was locked down, staff facilitated visits as per the normal regime.

Prisoners at the Remand Centre were locked down on 11 other occasions for a maximum period of one and a half hours per lock down. The purpose of the lock downs was to enable staff at the Remand Centre to participate in staff meetings, training sessions and staff recognition presentations.

### Minister for Transport and Urban Planning, Minister for the Arts, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND GAMING MACHINE LICENSES

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The great majority of gaming machine venues have been established within existing buildings such as hotels and clubs and consequently no development approval has been necessary. In some limited instances, machines would have been installed in new buildings or extensions to existing buildings. In these circumstances the building works would have required approval under the Development Act and in the majority of cases the council for the area would be the relevant authority. In a few cases, where the council has some form of conflict of interest, the Development Assessment Commission would be the authority.

As the relevant council is the authority for most new premises installing gaming machines, Planning SA does not hold the comprehensive information requested by the member for Florey. In addition, the Liquor and Gaming Commissioner does not hold data for gaming premises based on development proposals and objections to such proposals.

While a comprehensive survey of councils could be undertaken, it is considered the question does not warrant the expense. Nonetheless, the government is aware of the benefits which can be obtained through a more comprehensive data base for development proposals. The government has recently committed to the establishment of an electronic based system for receipt and consideration of development applications. Not only will an electronic process increase the efficiency of the assessment process, but will also enable collection of application data across the State. It is anticipated the system will be established over the next few years. If the member for Florey would like further information on the potential for the proposed electronic system, it is suggested that the member contact the project manager for the scheme in Planning SA on telephone number 8303 0790.

### URBAN TREE PROTECTION

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The Urban Trees Reference Group undertook the research which forms the background to the introduction of legislation to protect significant urban trees.

The reference group recommended to me that significant trees of 2.5 metres or greater circumference measured at 1.0 metre above the ground should require formal approval to be removed.

The basis for this recommendation was that trees of this stature are so important aesthetically and environmentally that they warrant control across the metropolitan area.

In making the recommendation the reference group was conscious of the need to avoid generating an undue workload for councils or the state government.

The state has already borne the cost of establishing the framework for significant tree controls which includes the Such Report (report of the Urban Trees Reference Group), draft planning bulletin, draft ministerial PAR, local newspaper advertisements and multilingual fact sheets.

Councils may at their discretion prepare PARs to introduce ongoing controls over significant trees smaller than 2.5 metres in circumference, subject to appropriate justification being provided in accordance with the criteria in the Development Act, 1993. The cost of this is at the discretion of the relevant council. There is no ongoing cost to the state in PAR preparation other than through the process of consideration and authorisation of PARs under the Development Act, 1993.

Councils can opt into immediate time limited controls (enabling preparation of PARs in the meantime) which can be introduced by regulation, for trees of 1.5 metres or greater circumference and/or indigenous trees of 4 metres height or greater. Again, councils are able to make decisions regarding introduction of these controls with the potential costs in mind.

It is not possible to quantify the comparative costs of tree protection for 2.5 metre and 1.5 metre circumference controls, as this would rely on a range of factors including the rate of development activity and number of trees of particular sizes across the metropolitan area.

There is substantial ability for councils to tailor controls to the needs and circumstances of the local area with consideration of cost in mind.

### EMERGING AND MID-CAREER ARTISTS

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** In my answer to the question seeking the total financial commitment for each of the strategies under Arts+, I advised that the total net cost of the emerging and mid-career artists strategy is \$127 000 per annum. The gross cost of this strategy is \$175 000 per annum, with the balance of funding met from existing related programs.

While funding parameters are in place for the whole of Arts+, the overall cost of this strategy and its complement of individual initiatives are to be the subject of negotiations on implementation with a range of individuals and organisations. However, it is expected that the fellowships for mid-career artists will commence in the first grant round of 2001. Other activities such as developing a plan for residential studios in conjunction with external parties, including landlords and developers, will be undertaken by Arts SA during 2000-01.

The new funds will complement and build upon programs such as Arts SA's existing emerging artists and leadership professional development programs.

### NOARLUNGA THEATRE LEASE

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The Minister for Education and Children's Services has provided the following information:

The Noarlunga Theatre is located within the Onkaparinga Institute of TAFE's Noarlunga campus.

The lease arrangements for the theatre are as follows:

- Approximately five years ago the Minister agreed to Adelaide Commercial Theatres Pty Ltd (ACT) providing management for the Noarlunga Theatre and funding was provided at that time to support management and set-up costs. It was agreed at the time that rent would be of nominal value only. This arrangement expires on 30 June 2000. However, bookings have been taken by ACT beyond June 2000 for the theatre. It has now been agreed informally between the Institute and ACT that the present arrangements will continue until the end of 2000 in the interests of the local theatre users who had made bookings beyond June 2000.

While ACT has managed the theatre over the last five years, the Institute has been subsidising the agreement by way of costs such as air-conditioning which are not able to be monitored separately.

Although Onkaparinga Institute is not running a performing arts teaching program, the theatre is an important community resource. However, a commercially sustainable management arrangement needs to be put in place to ensure that on-going costs of keeping the theatre open can be met, and the necessary refurbishment of the theatre can be made.

Institute representatives have been involved in discussions in recent months with both the director of ACT, Mr Bob Lott and the City of Onkaparinga.

The objective of these discussions is to explore all options for keeping the theatre open as a financially viable operation and community resource, including seeking other sources of funds. A project team has been set up by the City of Onkaparinga Council to undertake a feasibility study for uses of the Noarlunga Theatre post December 2000. The Institute and all community stakeholders in the theatre are expected to be consulted as part of this study that should report by the end of this year.

#### JAM FACTORY

In reply to Ms **CICCARELLO**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:**

| Name                   | Expires          | Terms | Further terms Eligible |
|------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Penelope Eldridge      | 18 August 2000   | 3     | -                      |
| Richard Krantz (Chair) | 31 August 2000   | 2     | 1                      |
| Peter Coombes          | 1 September 2000 | 1     | 2                      |
| Mark Herbertt          | 28 February 2001 | 1     | 2                      |
| Steven Ronayne         | 30 April 2001    | 2     | 1                      |
| Lynette Whicker        | 30 April 2001    | 2     | 1                      |
| Jo Crawford            | 30 June 2001     | 1     | 2                      |
| Jane Cowie             | 28 February 2002 |       | -                      |

Ms Penelope Eldridge's third consecutive term expires on 18 August 2000. Ms Eldridge is not eligible for another term and a replacement will be appointed.

Mr Richard Krantz's (chair) second term expires on 3 August 2000. Mr Krantz is eligible for a third term of two years.

Mr Peter Coombes's first term expires on 1 September 2000. Mr Coombes is eligible for two further terms.

Mr Mark Herbertt's first term expires on 28 February 2001. Mr Herbertt is eligible for two further terms.

Mr Steven Ronayne and Ms Lynette Whicker's second terms expire on 30 April 2001. They are both eligible for a third term of two years.

Ms Jo Crawford's first term expires on 30 June 2001. Ms Crawford is eligible for two more terms.

Ms Jane Cowie's term expires on 28 February 2002. Ms Cowie is not eligible for another term.

#### BUSINESS CONSULTANCIES

In reply to Ms **KEY**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:**

| Organisation   | Amount   |
|--|----------|
| Arts Industry Development Consultancies and Incentives Program |          |
| Consultancies Program  |          |
| Experimental Art Foundation                                    | \$2 940  |
| Arts in Action   | \$5 000  |
| Australian Network for Arts and Technology                     | \$6 000  |
| Community Arts Network SA                                      | \$5 000  |
| SA Writers Centre  | \$5 000  |
| Mirror Image Media   | \$11 000 |
| Barossa Music Festival   | \$10 000 |
| Folk Federation of SA  | \$5 000  |
| Mirror Image Media   | \$2 000  |
| Incentives Program   |          |
| Organisation   | Amount   |
| Community Arts Network   | \$10 000 |
| Contemporary Arts Centre of SA                                 | \$10 000 |
| Craftsouth   | \$10 000 |
| Vitalstatistix   | \$10 000 |
| Arts in Action   | \$20 000 |
| Australian String Quartet                                      | \$20 000 |
| Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre                                | \$10 000 |

#### STRATEGY PROMOTING ARTS LEADERSHIP

In reply to Ms **KEY**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The total cost over the next four years of the Arts+ strategy 3, Promoting Arts Leadership, will be \$2.5 million. Expenditure in 2000-01 under this strategy includes \$500 000 to be spent on Up Front and Personal@cabaret.com(edy).

Included in the funding for this strategy is a major new commissions program. The government has committed in this term to fund two major new works under this program. The first new commission, for Graeme Koehne, commenced in February 1999. The inclusion of this program in Arts+ now formalises this commitment.

#### ARTS+ PLAN

In reply to Ms **KEY**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The following table provides the total financial commitment required to meet each of the five strategies identified in Arts+ for the four years to 2003-04.

|   | 2000-01<br>\$000s | 2001-02<br>\$000s | 2002-03<br>\$000s | 2003-04<br>\$000s |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Recurrent Initiatives</b>                |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Strategy 1: Arts for Young People           | 25                | 925               | 1 025             | 1 025             |
| Strategy 2: Emerging and Mid-Career Artists | 83                | 127               | 127               | 127               |
| Strategy 3: Promoting Arts Leadership       | 600               | 650               | 650               | 600               |
| Strategy 4: Experience the Arts             | 105               | 110               | 110               | 110               |
| Strategy 5: First Class Arts Facilities     | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Total Recurrent                             | 813               | 1 812             | 1 912             | 1 862             |
| <b>Other Initiatives</b>                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Budget Initiatives</b>                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Film  | 1 200             | 1 200             | 1 200             | -                 |
| Regional Touring                            | 80                | 80                | 80                | 80                |
| Barossa Music Festival                      | 50                | 50                | 50                | 50                |
| Community History Program                   | 60                | 60                | 60                | 60                |
| Other                                       | 500               | 50                | 200               | 50                |
| Total                                       | 1 890             | 1 440             | 1 590             | 240               |
| <b>New Capital</b>                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Tandanya                                    | 1 200             | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Migration Museum                            | 100               | 200               | -                 | -                 |
| Regional Art Galleries                      | 200               | 200               | -                 | -                 |
| Total                                       | 1 500             | 400               | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total Financial Commitment to Arts+</b>  | <b>4 203</b>      | <b>3 652</b>      | <b>3 502</b>      | <b>2 102</b>      |

Note: This table excludes the costs associated with the State Library Redevelopment and the upgrade of the Adelaide Festival Centre and environs.

Treasury and Finance has reviewed the funding parameters for Arts+ over the four year period and is satisfied that all funding, both operating and once-off, for Arts+ strategies is in place and consistent with the forward estimates to 2003-04. While funding has been earmarked for these strategies, the exact cost of each initiative will depend upon the outcome of negotiations on implementation with a range of individuals and organisations.

#### STATE LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT

In reply to **Ms KEY**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The design contract for the redevelopment of the State Library will be let within three weeks. Until the design has been developed it is not possible to confirm any details relating to the design.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In reply to **Ms KEY**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The following table provides a breakdown of the expected unspent public libraries funds of \$3 million as at 30 June 2000.

|                                      | \$000s |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Unspent Materials Grants             | 1 977  |
| Levies for Technologies              | 200    |
| EDS Baseline Costs                   | 235    |
| Additional Interest Earnings         | 70     |
| Operating Reserve                    | 518    |
| Total Unspent Public Libraries Funds | 3 000  |

#### BUSINESS PLANNING KIT—ROADMAP TO REALITY, PLANNING YOUR BUSINESS DREAM

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The cost of production of the 'Business Planning Kit—Roadmap to Reality, Planning Your Business Dream' was \$15 000. The sponsors contributed \$6 250 towards the costs.

The publication was launched at the Bordertown rural women's gathering and has had wide distribution to women through business enterprise centres, TAFE institutes, regional development boards, government agencies, the regional offices of the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs, rural networks and field days, women's roundtables and through the sponsors.

In addition to Westpac, the 17 sponsors were:

- IP Australia
- Direct Personnel
- Quality Assurance Services
- Deloitte PBS
- Business Enterprise Centres (SA)
- Office of the Small Business Advocate
- The Business Centre
- Finlaysons
- Small Business Training Centre
- University of South Australia
- Australian Institute of Export
- Australian Business SA
- Hughes Public Relations
- Brightiger Design
- Profile Real Estate
- Options Australia
- Working Strategy

#### FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES

In reply to **Mr KOUTSANTONIS**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:**  
Special Event Services

The new service contracts contain provisions for services to a wide range of special events.

Some services are provided free such as on Anzac Day, when extra services and special pick-up points are provided and ex-service personnel travel free. Public transport is provided free after midnight on New Year's Eve and this is funded by a sponsorship arrangement with the Motor Accident Commission. As in the past, customers using services to many special events such as Carols by Candlelight and the Big Day Out are required to use a Metroticket.

The contractors are required to provide services for the special events listed in the contracts. These are:

- Anzac Day;
- Carols by Candlelight;
- Christmas Pageant;
- Major sporting events;
- Royal Adelaide Show;
- Sensational Adelaide 500;
- Skyshow;
- Schutzenfest;
- New Year's Eve;
- Adelaide Festival of Arts;
- Fringe Festival; and
- WOMAdelaide.

The costs for these services were not separately identified in the prices bid by the successful companies. Services for new special events need to be negotiated. For example, the services provided for the Catholic Jubilee Eucharistic Event were organised by the Passenger Transport Board (PTB) but fully funded by the Catholic Education Office at no cost to the government.

Olympic Football Tournament

The Adelaide public transport system is well placed to provide public transport services for the Olympic Football Tournament to be held in Adelaide during September 2000. The Bowden railway station is located approximately 600 metres north east of the Hindmarsh Soccer Stadium, and the Outer Harbour and Grange lines use this station.

Bus services are able to access the stadium via Manton Street where buses already stop within 50 metres of the Manton Street main entrance. Existing bus services travel within 300 metres of the stadium via Port Road, South Road, Manton Street and West Thebarton Road. These are bus routes 112, 113, 115, 116, 118, 151, 153, 286 and 287.

In general, the frequency of services range from 10 to 20 minutes on these bus and rail services.

The PTB and the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) have been liaising for many months to ensure good public transport for these Olympic events.

In addition, the government of South Australia will be providing a 'free' shuttle bus service for the use of spectators going to all matches. The shuttle will operate from Victoria Square then King William Street, Adelaide Railway Station, and Port Road to bus stop 7 (corner of Port Road and Milner Street).

Matches have been scheduled to be played on 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 23 September 2000 with matches scheduled to finish at 8.30pm. The shuttle will operate between 4.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.-9.30 p.m. on these days.

A small transport area is to be provided on the northern side of the Stadium in Milner Street (between Port Road and Ormond Street) to cater for taxis and wheelchair accessible vehicles. This is within 150 metres of the Manton Street main entrance.

An additional transport area is to be provided on the western side of the stadium in Susan Street (between South Road and Bacon Street) for the exclusive use of taxi and wheelchair accessible vehicles and is also within 100 metres of the Holden Street main entrance.

#### ADELAIDE STATION—PLATFORM CONFIGURATIONS

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** To date, the majority of the work on the extension has been at ground level and this has required extensive platform closures to facilitate the work.

At any one time, two platforms have been fully closed with an additional two or three closed during the off-peak periods.

I understand that in September/October the concentration at ground level will be reduced. The work on the elevated section will still require two platforms to be out of service at any one time. However, the requirement for off-peak closures will be considerably reduced.

At the conclusion of the convention centre extension in late 2001, all nine platforms in Adelaide Station will be restored to full operation.

The work has, however, required some permanent reductions in platform length as follows:

- Platform 1—no change
- Platform 2—no change
- Platform 3—reduced by 15.3 metres
- Platform 4—reduced by 20.4 metres
- Platform 5—no change
- Platform 6—reduced by 41 metres

- Platform 7—reduced by 41 metres
- Platform 8—reduced by 28.7 metres
- Platform 9—reduced by 28.7 metres

#### NURIOOTPA RAILWAY STATION YARD

In reply to **Mr VENNING**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** Transport SA has no legal control over the appearance of this site.

Australia Southern Railroad (ASR) has indicated that it requires the entire Nuriootpa station yard for its operational purposes. This includes the goods shed, which is dissected by an operational rail track. Although ASR does not wish to perform any upgrading or beautification projects for this area, it would be pleased to consider any proposals from interested parties. ASR has indicated that it will continue to keep this property clean and tidy.

Transport SA has previously held discussions with the Barossa Council regarding the Nuriootpa station yard. Council indicated that it does not require access to or use of the property.

#### EXPIATION NOTICES

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** During the period 1 July 1999 to 16 June 2000, a total of 7 499 expiation notices were issued for fare-related offences and 4 443 were successfully prosecuted.

#### COMPETITIVE TENDERING

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The estimate of \$7 million annual savings represents the average annual net savings to be achieved from the recent awarding of contracts for the operation of metropolitan Adelaide Metroticket services, after meeting estimated costs the government will incur as a result of TransAdelaide not winning in its own right, any of the contract areas tendered.

The savings are in contract payments for the provision of the bus services relative to what it would have cost if TransAdelaide had continued to provide the same services.

The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) then estimated the whole of government costs to be incurred both this year and over the next ten years. These costs are offset by savings to DTF from not having to make supplementary payments to cover TransAdelaide's 'input cost disadvantages' relative to the private sector. These payments have been made to TransAdelaide in addition to the service contract payments made by the Passenger Transport Board.

The difference between DTF's estimate of the present value of the whole of government cost estimate over the next ten years and the present value of the bus service contract savings estimate, is equivalent to the present value of average annual net savings of \$7 million over the ten year period.

#### COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The allocation of \$150 000 for community road safety in 1999-2000 consisted of the salary, throughout the year, of the community road safety officer, Ms Mercedes Haralam, various support costs for her work including travel to country towns to meet with the community road safety groups, and an allowance of \$50 000 for the first round of grants to community groups for local road safety projects. Development of the grant scheme and its administrative guidelines took longer than expected and the first round of applications will not be sought until early in 2000-01.

Consequently, the allocation for 1999-2000 will be underspent due to the delay in the grant scheme.

The allocation for community road safety in 2000-01 has been increased to \$175 000, comprising \$50 000 for grants to community groups, and \$125 000 for the community road safety officer and support costs. This overall increase in the total allocation is in response to the anticipated additional activity brought about by new groups and increased activities of the current groups. Grants will be limited to a maximum amount of \$5 000 each, and it is anticipated that a total of \$50 000 for grants during 2000-01 will be sufficient for the current number of community groups. Not all community groups will necessarily have projects that require a grant and some of the grants sought may be relatively small. Depending on the actual

growth in the number of community groups and the total of the grants approved in the first round, the allowance for the grants may have to be increased through an internal Transport SA budget adjustment later in the financial year.

#### RED LIGHT CAMERAS

In reply to **Mr KOUTSANTONIS**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** Advances in technology have meant that some, if not all, red light cameras and their associated control systems are now designed by manufacturers to be capable of detecting both red light violations and speeding offences. However, for a red light camera system to be capable of detecting vehicle speeds, it would have to be manufactured and configured with the speed detection option.

The current proposal for 12 additional red light cameras does not involve cameras being installed with the dual function of detecting both red light violations and speeding offences.

#### TRANSADELAIDE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** On 28 June 2000, the contractors (SERCo, Torrens Transit, SouthLink and Transitplus) reported they had made 1 053 offers of employment as bus drivers to people who were employed by TransAdelaide, and have employed 634 staff as bus drivers who were previously employed by TransAdelaide.

I note that many people applied for a job with more than one contractor and some people were offered a position by more than one contractor. Also, at 23 April 2000 there were 74 redeployees who had been offered positions with the new companies and did not accept.

The contract that each bus contractor has with the Passenger Transport Board requires them to participate in the South Australian government's UpSkill Training Program. All staff must be offered optional participation in further training. Federal government grants cover the costs of providing training, including the release of drivers to participate in the training courses. Funds for training are available to all employers, including TransAdelaide. This training will benefit the travelling public by ensuring drivers are highly skilled in terms of customer service.

#### ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** As part of the 23 May 1997 Australian Transport Council meeting, South Australia was designated to conduct a six month trial of an alcohol ignition interlock program with an evaluation at the completion of the trial.

The Riverland interlock trial ran for six months from March 1998 to September 1998. The trial involved 24 volunteers, plus family members, who undertook to have an interlock fitted to their vehicles and test the operation of the interlocks.

The cost of the Riverland trial was \$30 000 over the financial years 1997-98 and 1998-99 including leasing and maintenance of the interlocks, training of the volunteers, monitoring and evaluation of the trial, and the preparation of a final report.

The Riverland trial was undertaken as part of a much broader investigation over the last three years by Transport SA and a wider government agency reference group looking at the feasibility of an interlock scheme. This investigation included the standards, accuracy and reliability of interlock devices, the experiences of jurisdictions in other countries, particularly the US and Canada, that have interlock schemes, and the development of detailed proposals for the introduction of interlocks to South Australia as a sentencing and rehabilitation option for drink-drivers.

The total Transport SA cost associated with the alcohol interlock initiative, which included investigating and developing options for the introduction of interlocks over the three financial years from 1997-98 to 1999-2000, has been \$99 939 (including the \$30 000 cost of the Riverland trial).

#### ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** With regard to funding allocated by Transport SA to road safety initiatives and programs, the following are the allocations for the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-01:

| State Funds  | 1999-2000<br>Allocation<br>\$m | 2000-2001<br>Allocation<br>\$m |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Safety Programs</b>                                 |                                |                                |
| Improvement and Planning Information Safety            | 2.380                          | 1.484                          |
| Providing Safe Road Infrastructure <sup>(1)</sup>      | 3.388                          | 1.382                          |
| Maintaining Safe Road Infrastructure                   | 6.760                          | 7.333                          |
| Promoting Safe Use of Road System <sup>(2) (3)</sup>   | 18.749                         | 17.671                         |
| Regulation for Safe Use of Transport System            | 43.278                         | 42.388                         |
| Total Safety Programs                                  | 74.555                         | 70.258                         |
| <b>Safety Related Investing Projects</b>               |                                |                                |
| Overtaking Lanes Program                               |                                | 1.485                          |
| Safety Audit Response Program                          |                                | 0.495                          |
| School Zones Improvement Program                       | 1.501                          | 2.575                          |
| Noarlunga—Victor Harbor Road (passing lanes, widening) | 1.300                          | 0.335                          |
| Ped. Actuated Crossing on Philip Hwy near Stockton Rd  | 0.077                          |                                |
| Noarlunga—Cape Jervis Road (passing lanes, widening)   |                                | 1.880                          |
| Lincoln Highway, South of Cowell (widening)            |                                | 0.380                          |
| Warnertown—Peterborough (widening)                     |                                | 0.695                          |
| Spalding Junction (improvements)                       |                                | 0.118                          |
| Painted Median Scheme Victor Harbor                    |                                | 0.086                          |
| Total Investing Projects                               | 2.878                          | 8.049                          |
| Total State Funding                                    | 77.433                         | 78.307                         |

## Notes:

(1) Reduction in 2000-01 offset by increase in Investing Projects.

(2) Includes \$14.7 million for Funding for Police in each financial year.

(3) Allocations of \$2.829 million in 1999-2000 and \$0.231 in 2000-2001 for one-off promotion of Australian Road Rules not included.

| Federal Funds   | 1999-2000<br>Allocation<br>\$m | 2000-01<br>Allocation<br>\$m |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Safety Programs</b>                                  |                                |                              |
| National Highways Provision of Infrastructure           | 0.946                          | 0.730                        |
| National Highways Infrastructure Maintenance            | 2.624                          | 2.563                        |
| Providing Safe Road Infrastructure (Black Spot Program) | 3.025                          | 3.266                        |
| Total Federal Funding                                   | 6.595                          | 6.559                        |

The above details provide all sources of funds available for road safety initiatives and programs.

**GO ZONES**In reply to Ms **BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** Go Zones were introduced from 23 April this year as part of the government's 10 year infrastructure investment plan for public transport designed to build patronage through increases in the frequency of services, increases in evening, weekend and public holiday services, and improved security and upgrade of information at bus stops and stations.

The installation and promotion of Go Zones has cost \$121 862, comprising:

- Signage at 340 Stops (Manufacture & Installation)—\$55 162
- Television commercial—\$54 800
- Radio commercial—\$11 900

Information pamphlets are regularly updated and reprinted by the Passenger Transport Board, when stocks are low. Go Zone information was included in this regular update.

The following table sets out the frequencies before and after the introduction of Go Zones.

| Go Zone                | Weekday Midday Service Frequency  |                               | Night (to 10pm) / Sunday Service Frequency |                              |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
|                        | Before 23 April 2000              | After 23 April 2000           | Before 23 April 2000                       | After 23 April 2000          |
| Hawker St / Torrens Rd | 2 services per hour               | 4 services per hour           | 2 services per hour                        | 2 services per hour          |
| Main North Rd          | 4 services per hour               | 4 services per hour           | 2 services per hour                        | 2 services per hour          |
| Adelaide O-Bahn        | 12 services per hour              | 12 services per hour          | 5 services per hour (night)                | 5 services per hour (night)  |
|                        |                                   |                               | 4 services per hour (Sunday)               | 4 services per hour (Sunday) |
| Payneham Road          | 6 services per hour (not regular) | 6 services per hour (regular) | 1 service per hour (night)                 | 2 services per hour (night)  |
|                        |                                   |                               | 2 services per hour (Sunday)               | 2 services per hour (Sunday) |

|                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| The Parade           | 4 services per hour | 4 services per hour | 1 service per hour  | 2 services per hour |
| Unley / Belair Roads | 4 services per hour | 4 services per hour | 1 service per hour  | 2 services per hour |
| Goodwood Road        | 4 services per hour | 4 services per hour | 2 services per hour | 2 services per hour |
| Henley Beach Road    | 4 services per hour | 4 services per hour | 2 services per hour | 2 services per hour |
| Port Road            | 2 services per hour | 4 services per hour | 1 service per hour  | 2 services per hour |

The Go Zones were introduced to assist in the promotion of the benefits of the public transport system and to progress beyond the promotion of individual routes.

It was desirable to have a reasonable geographical spread of routes.

It should be noted that the service upgrading in the Go Zones has also resulted in some service upgrades on routes branching from those Go Zones.

### SUPERANNUATION

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The Treasurer has provided the following information:

TransAdelaide employees who have elected to receive a redundancy package are entitled to receive superannuation entitlements in accordance with the provisions of the acts governing the State Pension Scheme, State Lump Sum Scheme, and the Southern State

Superannuation Scheme. These provisions provide that a person may either 'cash-up' their entitlement from the relevant scheme, or preserve a fully accrued entitlement in the scheme.

The value of the superannuation entitlements paid to TransAdelaide employees accepting redundancy packages is not able to be determined at the present time, as many of the former employees are still considering their options. The funds to make cash payments to the employees who elect for an immediate cash benefit will be provided out of the funds already held within the scheme for making benefit payments. TransAdelaide employees are therefore treated the same as any other government employee with respect to super scheme payments.

### TARGETS/COORDINATION AND ADVICE ITEMS

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON:** Will the Minister advise the committee in detail how the expenditure of this \$12 million is to be divided between the different target areas nominated on page 7.5?

| Targets for 2000-01  | Estimated Expenditure<br>\$ '000   |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Advance the Urban Regeneration Agenda  | 42                                 |
| Facilitate an industry-driven SA Land Freight Transport Council to improve land freight transport integration and efficiency.  | Included in figures provided below |
| Encourage the SA Air Freight Export Council and the SA Freight Council for Sea Cargo to improve the export logistics chain and in particular the logistics cold chain.   | 150                                |
| Coordinate the activities of the Land, Air, and Sea Freight councils so that there is effective communication between the three freight councils.  | 75                                 |
| Provide a regional airports development strategy in consultation with regional stakeholders.   | 200                                |
| Through the Senior Advisory Group monitor and report on the implementation of the recommendations of the <i>Bringing Them Home</i> report.   | 100                                |
| Continue to facilitate the Government response to the Ministerial summit on Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in accordance with the National Indigenous Justice Outcomes Report, including coordination of the Statewide Aboriginal Visitors Scheme. | 350                                |
| Facilitate and provide policy advice relating to Aboriginal community issues in the areas of women and families, youth and the elderly, with emphasis on whole of Government coordination.   | 721                                |
| Facilitate whole of Government and cross-agency initiatives between State and Local Government.  | 80                                 |
| Investigate and report on issues affecting the changing nature of women's paid employment.   | 10                                 |
| Produce the 2000/01 Women's Statement on whole of Government initiatives to enhance the status of women.   | 49                                 |
| Monitor the impact of Government policies on the status of women.  | 900                                |
| Undertake initiatives to advance women in leadership and business.   | 70                                 |

Will the Minister provide—on notice, of course—a fully itemised list of all expenditure undertaken from this \$12 million with a value exceeding \$10,000?

| Agency       | Coordination and Advice Items   | Estimated Expenditure<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Planning SA  | Provision of advice and information to the Minister on Urban regeneration.                              | 42                               |
| Planning SA  | Provision of Planning advice and information to the Minister (salary and overheads).                    | 318                              |
| Transport SA | Provision of Policy, advice and coordination across the portfolio by the Office of the Chief Executive. | 1200                             |
| Transport SA | Management of accommodation within Roma Mitchell House.   | 514                              |
| Transport SA | Provision of Transport advice and information to the Minister (salaries and associated costs).          | 1215                             |



|                                      |  |      |
|--------------------------------------|--|------|
| Transport SA                         | Development of General Transport Policy & Strategy.  | 870  |
| Transport SA                         | Freight Policy & Strategy Development.   | 733  |
| Transport SA                         | Air Policy & Strategy Development.   | 632  |
| Transport SA                         | National Transport Committees.   | 555  |
| Transport SA                         | Rail Policy and Strategy Development and Implementation.   | 329  |
| Transport SA                         | National Transport Policy & Strategy Development and Implementation.   | 247  |
| Transport SA                         | Advice to other Government Agencies.   | 137  |
| Passenger Transport Board            | Board Fees and Support Expenses.   | 143  |
| Passenger Transport Board            | Policy Development and Advice on Passenger Transport.  | 724  |
| Office of Local Government           | Employee Expenses and Corporate Overheads (ie rental) for Policy Development and Advice on whole of Government and cross-agency initiatives between State and Local Government.  | 80   |
| Office of Local Government           | Employee Expenses and Corporate Overheads (ie rental) for the provision of overarching policy advice on relationships between the State and Local Government as required to the Minister, the Premier and across Government, including advice routinely provided to the Minister and Government on these relationships in briefings for Parliament, speech notes and advice on correspondence. | 620  |
| Arts SA                              | Salaries and operating expenditure for the provision of policy and advice information to the Minister on Arts.   | 1331 |
| Arts SA                              | Salaries and operating expenditure for the provision of policy and advice information to the Minister on Arts industry Development and access to Artistic Product.   | 210  |
| Office for the Status of Women       | Salaries and operating expenditure for the 2000/01 Women's Statement.  | 49   |
| Office for the Status of Women       | Salaries and operating expenditure for the monitoring and advising on Government Policies in relation to the status of women.  | 900  |
| Office for the Status of Women       | Research consultancy on the changing nature of women's paid employment.  | 10   |
| Office for the Status of Women       | Executive Search, Women's Register maintenance, Project Officer expenditure to advance women in leadership and business.   | 70   |
| Division of State Aboriginal Affairs | Salary and operating expenditure to report on the implementation of the <i>Bringing Them Home</i> report.  | 100  |
| Division of State Aboriginal Affairs | Salary and operating expenditure to facilitate the Government response to the Ministerial summit on Aboriginal Deaths in custody.  | 350  |
| Division of State Aboriginal Affairs | Salary and operating expenditure to provide policy advice on Aboriginal Community Issues.  | 721  |

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

In reply to **Mr KOUTSANTONIS**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The following performance criteria are used in the bus service contracts:

- Delivery of passenger services (on-time running);
- Customer and public safety;
- Fare compliance;
- Management of infrastructure;
- Timetable production and distribution;
- Handling of passenger enquiries and reporting;
- Fraud prevention;
- Quality assurance;
- Employee management; and
- Service review and improvement.

The service provider will be entitled to an additional payment if patronage increases in their contract area in the 12 month period ending 30 April 2001, when compared to the previous 12 month period. In subsequent months, an adjustment is made (positive or negative) for changes in patronage occurring in that month, when compared to the same month in the base year, 2000-01. The patronage adjustment rate varies for each contract.

The following reductions to contract payments are made for service defects:

- When a trip is not provided at all or in its entirety, a reduction of \$500 per trip applies;
- When a trip, prior to 1 November 2000, departs a time point greater than 2 minutes early as stated as the time in the timetable, a reduction of \$300 per trip applies;
- When a trip, on and after 1 November 2000, departs a time point early as stated as the time in the timetable, a reduction of \$300 per trip applies;
- When a trip, prior to 1 November 2000, departs a time point greater than 10 minutes later than the time stated in the timetable, a reduction of \$200 applies;

- When a trip, on and after 1 November 2000, departs a time point greater than 5 minutes later than the time stated in the timetable, a reduction of \$200 applies; and
- If a vehicle does not comply with the Code of Practice and the Utility Standards, then a reduction of \$200 applies.

Contractors are able to apply to the Passenger Transport Board for penalties to be waived for situations outside of their control. For example, TransAdelaide sought approval for penalties for late trips to be waived due to the construction work associated with the extension of the Adelaide Convention Centre.

### MISSED TRIPS/COMPLAINTS AND COMMENDATIONS

In reply to **Mr KOUTSANTONIS**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** On a weekday, there is an average of 8 300 trips provided on the bus system.

There were 10 missed trips from 23 to 30 April, and 76 in May 2000. (Note: A missed trip is defined as a trip that did not take place, or did not include the whole of the route, or ran greater than 10 minutes late or ran greater than 2 minutes early).

This represents an average of 2.5 missed trips per day in May 2000.

In May 1999, there were 98 missed trips in addition to the trips missed due to industrial action (1 534 trips). Excluding industrial action, the average in May 1999 was 3.2 trips or 0.04 per cent trips missed per day.

In May 2000, there were 76 missed trips. This represents 0.3 per cent of services and is an improvement compared to 1999.

In addition, the definition of a missed trip has been 'tightened' under the new bus contracts that commenced on 23 April 2000. Trips are now defined as being 'missed' if they ran greater than 10 minutes late. Previously, they were 'missed' if they ran greater than 20 minutes late.

The total number of calls to the Passenger Transport Info Line during the period 23 April to 30 June 2000, was 130 682. Of these,

2210 (1.7 per cent) were complaints about a range of issues across the system (bus, tram and train) and 58 were commendations.

#### WORKERS COMPENSATION

In reply to Mr KOUTSANTONIS.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** As at 30 June 2000, there were 18 full-time employees who were receiving services from TransAdelaide's rehabilitation provider in North Adelaide.

#### TVSP

In reply to Mr KOUTSANTONIS.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** Although the member's questions referred to bus drivers, the response below reflects figures (expressed in FTE's) across the entire bus business that was operated by TransAdelaide.

TransAdelaide had 1126.63 redeployees from the bus business as of 23 April 2000. Of these, 827.46 accepted a TVSP before 30 June.

Of the remaining redeployees, 18 are ineligible for a TVSP because of workcover issues and 57 have gained employment either within TransAdelaide or in other parts of the government.

In terms of the maximum number budgeted, the treasurer has advised that the higher the take-up rate of TVSP's by TransAdelaide employees, the lower the whole of government cost.

In terms of the cost to the government, the new contracts will deliver an average net savings of \$7 million per year over the next 10 years. This figure includes whole of government costs including the cost of TVSP's.

#### PASSENGER SERVICE ASSISTANTS

In reply to Mr KOUTSANTONIS.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** As announced in February 2000 as part of a major security and safety upgrade of Adelaide's metropolitan train, tram and bus services—from 2 July 2000 a team of two (a passenger service assistant (PSA) and a security officer) will be present on every train trip, every day of the week after 7.00 p.m. The estimated cost is \$1.77 million.

The provision of PSA's on every train after 7.00 p.m. each night is being facilitated by the use of redeployees from TransAdelaide's bus business. There is no additional employment cost to the government for this initiative—at the same time ensuring an ongoing role for the employees within public transport.

#### PATRONAGE

In reply to Mr KOUTSANTONIS.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** Bus, tram and train patronage by mode for the entire 1999-2000 financial year compared to the 1998-99 financial year is summarised in the table below.

| Initial Boardings | Bus        | Train     | Tram      | Total      |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Financial Year    |            |           |           |            |
| 1998-99           | 32 744 000 | 7 397 000 | 1 469 000 | 41 610 000 |
| 1999-00           | 32 137 000 | 7 439 000 | 1 534 000 | 41 110 000 |
| % difference      | -1.8%      | +0.60%    | +4.4%     | -1.2%      |

In terms of patronage for 2000-01, an increase is expected as a result of recent initiatives such as enhanced safety and security, new services, and increased frequency of services along key routes. Patronage increased in the June quarter of 1999-2000 by 1.3 per cent.

#### MEDICAL FITNESS

In reply to Mr KOUTSANTONIS.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** During 1998, TransAdelaide established new medical standards providing vigorous benchmarks for the fitness of its employees in line with rail safety accreditation requirements. As part of this (within these standards), there is provision for employees to voluntarily declare that they might fail a medical examination, and seek rehabilitation and counselling. If, following appropriate rehabilitation, counselling and further examination, the employee again fails a medical examination, the employee is disciplined for failing to meet an agreed level of work presentation (fitness) regarding medical fitness.

During 1998-99, there were six cases of such disciplinary action being undertaken.

Medical fitness is determined by the conduct of two yearly examinations undertaken by a registered medical practitioner.

Provision for counselling is contained within TransAdelaide's medical standards.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

In reply to Ms KEY.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The member's question appears to indicate that anything less than full-time employment is a disadvantage for women and that part-time employment is undesirable. In fact, Australian Bureau of Statistics data reveals that eighty five per cent of part-time employees choose to work part-time.

In relation to trends in the South Australian Public Sector workforce, the Premier has provided the following information:

'An increase in the proportion of part-time public sector employment appears to be consistent with trends in the South Australian and Australian workforce. Employees are increasingly choosing part-time employment as an attractive option to balance the demands of their work and other responsibilities.

Part-time work is an appealing flexible option for a range of employees, and women in particular have found this option to be beneficial to their needs. This option has the potential to attract and retain highly qualified staff who want to reduce their hours of work. Part-time work can be particularly attractive to employees who are returning from maternity leave, parenting leave, employees who are nearing retirement, and employees who are studying.

The Workplace Relations Act 1996 aimed to remove constraints on regular part-time work from awards and to provide greater access to part-time work for employees. It has meant that increasingly, the ability to work part-time is a reasonable expectation for employees.

The South Australian Government Wages Parity Enterprise Agreement 1999 required:

'an investigation of further options for the development and implementation of flexible working arrangements to enable employees and managers to better balance work and family commitments'.

The Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment has completed a 'Report on Flexible Working Arrangements' in response to the wages parity requirements. This report identified part-time work as being increasingly sought after as a means of contributing to a better balance between work and family commitments. Flexible working arrangements are considered an effective tool for attracting and maintaining a diverse, adaptive and high performing workforce.

A number of advantages were identified in relation to part-time work:

- it provides flexibility to both agencies and employees;
- it is attractive to employees who want to balance their needs relating to other responsibilities and commitments;
- part-time employment is attractive to some employees who are returning to work after and absence such as maternity leave, or for employees who are considering retiring in a few years and would like to gradually reduce their work time;
- in some circumstances part-time work options provide opportunities to attract and retain people with disabilities or people who are studying part-time;
- part-time employees can be rostered to assist agencies to accommodate peak times of the week or year where additional staff are needed; and
- it provides the opportunity (particularly in job share) for a wider range of skills and different perspectives on the one job.

The Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment is currently developing a determination which sets out the responsibilities of agencies when implementing voluntary flexible work arrangements. Part-time work is a significant aspect of these flexible working arrangements.

The government recognises that part-time employees can be disadvantaged in their employment where good human resource practices are not implemented. In recognition that part-time work requires a commitment from management and employees to support workers on such arrangements, the documents issued by the commissioner will require that effective human resource management practices are implemented to protect the rights of employees who are working part-time.

Agencies are expected to give reasonable and positive consideration to requests to work part-time and to be able to provide objective justification of why vacancies are not suitable for conversion to part-time. Agencies are advised to develop a part-time policy which ensures that employees are treated fairly and have equal access to general conditions of employment.'

In addition, the government is assisting public sector employees to balance work and family commitments through the Vacation Care Program.

In 1998, the Office for the Status of Women, in cooperation with Transport SA, Planning SA, and the Passenger Transport Board developed an on-site Vacation Care program at Roma Mitchell House to provide a user pays vacation care program for the children of employees. Since the July 1999 school holidays this program has been offered throughout the public service to all government agencies with offices in the central business district.

The government continues to encourage the extended provision of family friendly work practices in the private sector. In 1999-2000, 25.7 per cent of enterprise agreements approved under the South Australian system provide for flexible and family friendly work practices. These work practices include:

- job sharing;
- child care provided at the work place or subsidised at another location;

- work from home;
- family carers leave given in addition to sick leave;
- family carers leave taken as part of other leave (eg: time off in lieu, rostered days off); and
- paid maternity/paternity leave.

In the 1999-2000 financial year Work and Family practices have been promoted to approximately 2 000 South Australian employers and employees. Through this promotion, the Government aims to raise awareness of the benefits of introducing work and family practices within the workplace.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

In reply to **Ms KEY**.

**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:** The gender summary, by Portfolio, of government boards and committees at 1 May 2000 is provided below. The figures are provided by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Boards and Committees Information System (BCIS).

| Gender Balance at 1 May 2000                                      | Men     | Women   | Totals  |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Premier   | 70.27%  | 29.73%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for State Development                                    | 75.68%  | 24.32%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Multicultural Affairs                                | 61.54%  | 38.46%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Primary Industries and Resources                     | 78.22%  | 21.78%  | 100.00% |
| Treasurer   | 76.10%  | 23.90%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Industry and Trade                                   | 100.00% | 0.00%   | 100.00% |
| Attorney-General  | 65.29%  | 34.71%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Justice  | 82.61%  | 17.39%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Consumer Affairs                                     | 69.10%  | 30.90%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Human Services                                       | 62.42%  | 37.58%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Transport and Urban Planning                         | 64.76%  | 35.24%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for the Arts   | 48.57%  | 51.43%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for the Status of Women                                  | 0.00%   | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Minister for Government Enterprises                               | 72.96%  | 27.04%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Education and Children's Services                    | 48.44%  | 51.56%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Environment and Heritage                             | 71.55%  | 28.45%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Recreation, Sport & Racing                           | 68.42%  | 31.58%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Water Resources                                      | 87.42%  | 12.58%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Employment and Training                              | 52.63%  | 47.37%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Tourism  | 66.67%  | 33.33%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Police, Correctional Services and Emergency Services | 72.19%  | 27.81%  | 100.00% |
| Minister for Administrative and Information Services              | 77.78%  | 22.22%  | 100.00% |
| 1 May 2000  | 67.63%  | 32.37%  | 100.00% |

Since 1 May 2000, there has been improvement in portfolios with less than 25 per cent of women members, as follows:

|  | 1 May 2000 | 1 June 2000 |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Minister for Primary Industries and Resources        | 21.78%     | 22.47%      |
| Treasurer  | 23.90%     | 24.24%      |
| Minister for Industry and Trade                      | 0.00%      | 27.27%      |
| Minister for Administrative and Information Services | 22.22%     | 23.08%      |

There are currently 24 men and 9 women members of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal.

With regard to the reporting of Aboriginal Affairs figures, since cabinet changes in February 2000, these now appear in BCIS as part of the Transport and Urban Planning Portfolio. The Hon Dorothy Kotz MP is Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and my delegate in relation to relevant legislation.

Women account for 41.8 per cent of members in the Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio, the details are as follows:

| Board   | Male  | Female | Total |
|---|-------|--------|-------|
| State Aboriginal Heritage Committee                   | 18    | 17     | 35    |
| Aboriginal Lands Trust                                | 14    | 5      | 19    |
| Aboriginal Education & Training Advisory Committee—SA | 7     | 6      | 13    |
| Total %—Aboriginal Affairs                            | 58.2% | 41.8%  | 100%  |

**ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CAMPAIGNS**

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON.**  
**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:**

Advertising and Promotional Activities and Campaigns undertaken during 1999-2000

| Agency                         | Issue(s)   | Description of Activity   | Cost<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------|--|---|------------|
| Arts SA                        | Emerging Artists Awards  | Pamphlets and promotional forums  | 1,860      |
| Arts SA                        | Call for Grant Applications  | Press   | 21,132     |
| Arts SA                        | Recruitment  | Press   | 2,780      |
| Arts SA                        | Cultural Guide   | Booklet   | 11,620     |
| Arts SA                        | Adelaide Faces Map   | Pamphlet  | 1,253      |
| Arts SA                        | West End   | Tabloid   | 15,159     |
| Arts SA                        | West End   | Pamphlet  | 2,564      |
| Arts SA                        | 5AA's cultural ambassador<br>(what's on this week)   | Radio promotion (including \$80,000<br>sponsorship from 5AA)  | 10,500     |
| Arts SA                        | What's on for Children   | Press   | 3,500      |
| Arts SA                        | What's on & What's free for the family   | <i>Channel 7</i>  | 10,800     |
| Office for the Status of Women | Advertising Office for the Status of Women<br>and the Women's Information Service phone<br>numbers and addresses | White and Yellow Pages, including re-<br>gional pages   | 1,571      |
| Office for the Status of Women | Advertising campaign for Women's<br>Information Service's details and services                                   | Press   | 2,203      |
| Office for the Status of Women | Women's Advisory Council and Office for the<br>Status of Women promotions  | Press   | 204        |
| Passenger Transport Board      | Promotion of Public Transport including:   |   |            |
|                                | · Inner South Trial  | Campaign for localised promotion of<br>public transport, using the Messenger<br>Press   | 9,331      |
|                                | · Customer Education   | Promote environmental and savings ben-<br>efits of public transport, using inserts in<br>the Sunday Mail  | 13,608     |
|                                | · Timetable Changes for Service Im-<br>provements  | Program aimed at alerting customers to<br>timetable changes using metropolitan<br>press, local press and radio  | 57,154     |
|                                | · Promotion of fast and frequent services  | To promote the major service improve-<br>ments introduced and the benefits of using<br>public transport through the use of televi-<br>sion and radio advertising and permanent<br>customer information at all Go Zone stops | 121,862    |
|                                | · Great Escape school holiday promotion  | Campaign to encourage use of public<br>transport during school holidays using<br>press advertising  | 35,845     |
| Passenger Transport Board      | Promotion of sponsored special events includ-<br>ing:  |   |            |
|                                | · SkyShow  | Promoting the use of public transport to<br>attend the event. The program used an<br>insert in The Advertiser, with contra value<br>radio sponsorship provided by SAFM  | 7,632      |
|                                | · New Year's Eve   | Campaign sponsored by the Motor Acci-<br>dent Commission (\$49,910), using televi-<br>sion advertising, press insert and radio<br>advertising, to encourage use of public<br>transport on New Year's Eve                    | 0          |
| Passenger Transport Board      | Promotion of public transport for special<br>events, including:  |   |            |

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|--------------|--|---|-----------|
|              | · Royal Show   | To promote the use of public transport to access the Royal Show.<br>The program used press advertising and an insert in The Advertiser  | 17,193    |
|              | · Christmas Pageant  | Press advertising alerting the public to the benefits of using public transport to access the Pageant   | 7,850     |
|              | · Anzac Day Services   | Promotion of special Anzac Day services in the press  | 7,357     |
|              | · Easter Services  | Promotion of altered services for Easter weekend using press advertising  | 2,323     |
|              | · Football Services  | Advertising in the <i>Football Budget</i>   | 658       |
|              | · Schutzenfest   | Promoting bus services to this event as an alternative to driving, using press advertising  | 6,778     |
|              | · Catholic Jubilee Celebrations                                  | Alerting public transport users and motorists to possible delays due to marshalling of buses for the Catholic Jubilee Celebrations at Adelaide Oval. Program used press advertising                     | 7,233     |
| Planning SA  | Major Developments   | Public Notices  | 23,000    |
| Planning SA  | Development Act –development applications/assessments            | Public Notices  | 92,400    |
| Planning SA  | Development Plan amendments                                      | Public Notices  | 15,800    |
| Planning SA  | Non Campaign Advertising   | Recruitment, Tenders  | 13,400    |
| Planning SA  | Industry Events  | Displays, Sponsorships  | 27,700    |
| Transport SA | Australian Road Rules  | Campaign to raise public awareness of the new Australian Road Rules, advertising, brochures, delivery   | 1,118,000 |
| Transport SA | Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Management, Registration & Licensing | Presence at the Adelaide Royal Show   | 15,000    |
| Transport SA | Velofest (formerly Bike Week)                                    | Promote cycling   | 24,250    |
| Transport SA | Share the Road   | Promote road user awareness of cycling safety issues  | 131,000   |
| Transport SA | Tour Down Under  | Promotion of Share the Road Campaign  | 30,000    |
| Transport SA | Adelaide Customer Service Centre Relocation                      | Advise customers of change of location from Wakefield Street to North Terrace   | 19,078    |
| Transport SA | Driving Hours Regulations  | Inform heavy vehicle operators of new national driving hours legislation  | 45,000    |
| Transport SA | National Vehicle Regulations                                     | Inform road users likely to be affected by new vehicle regulations  | 40,000    |
| Transport SA | Metropolitan Adelaide anti-Drink Drive                           | Campaign sponsored by the Motor Accident Commission (\$1,172,000) involving integrated mass media (advertising) and enforcement campaign aimed at reducing the incidence of drink drive related crashes | 0         |
| Transport SA | Metropolitan Adelaide anti-Speeding Campaign                     | Campaign sponsored by the Motor Accident Commission (\$575,000) involving integrated mass media (advertising) and enforcement campaign aimed at reducing the incidence of speed related crashes         | 0         |
| Transport SA | Rural anti-Drink Drive Campaign                                  | Integrated mass media (advertising) and enforcement campaign aimed at reducing the incidence of drink drive related crashes   | 349,000   |
| Transport SA | Rural Restraint Use Campaign                                     | Integrated mass media, enforcement and community campaign aimed at increasing compliance of restraint use laws in rural areas and through the Aboriginal community                                      | 326,000   |
| Transport SA | Rural Driving Campaign   | Public education campaign targeting country driving practice, particularly driver fatigue   | 43,000    |
| Transport SA | Jet Ski Legislation  | Raise awareness of changes to legislation   | 30,000    |
| Transport SA | Marine Safety  | Presence at the 1999/2000 Boat Show   | 10,000    |
| Transport SA | Non-campaign advertising   | Tenders, recruitment, notice of roadworks (figure includes community notices of roadworks etc for Southern Expressway)  | 250,030   |

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|---------------|--|---|--------|
| Transport SA  | Port River Crossing project                      | Raise community awareness of new Port River Crossing (previously called Third River Crossing); community display, community information signage, brochure | 34,000 |
| Transport SA  | Field Days                                       | Promote awareness of Transport SA services at Mount Compass and Paskeville Field Days   | 2,000  |
| TransAdelaide | Promotion of Public Transport                    | Weekly "Guide to Ride" In Local Press   |        |
| TransAdelaide | Promotion of Tram 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary   | Combination of surveys, press, competitions and function  |        |
| TransAdelaide | Promotion of Public Transport for New Year's Eve | Passenger bulletins/flyers  |        |
| TransAdelaide | Launch of TransAdelaide's Website                | Function  |        |
| TransAdelaide | Promotion of Nightmoves                          | Cinema advertising and press  |        |

NOTE: Details of costs relating to advertising and promotional activities undertaken by TransAdelaide are not provided given the commercial nature of TransAdelaide operations. The release of this information may provide TransAdelaide's competitors with a summary of its expenditure and information that could be to their competitive advantage.

### CONSULTANTS REPORTS 1999-2000

In reply to **Mr ATKINSON.**  
**The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:**

| Consultant  | Title of Report   | Date Received  | Made Public  |
|---|---|----------------|--|
| Arts SA   |   |                |  |
| Morgan and Banks<br>(Alan Cunningham)                   | Review of State Library Preservation and Conservation Program and relations with Artlab | December 1999  | No   |
| Anthony Steel & Associates                              | Another Ring for Adelaide?  | December 1999  | No   |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu                                | GST Impact Statement  | January 2000   | No   |
| Moore Stephens Priestley                                | Feasibility of a business centre  | September 1999 | No   |
| Morgan and Banks  | Risk Management Plan  | October 1999   | No   |
| Office for the Status of Women<br>Jane Jeffreys         | Executive Search Report   | March 2000     | No<br>(is distributed to all Ministers and Chief Executives) |
| Jane Jeffreys   | Women on Boards   | June 2000      | No   |
| Passenger Transport Board<br>Michael Mills & Associates | Development of Risk Matrix—Competitive Tender 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round                     | July 1999      | No   |
| McPhee Andrewartha Pty Ltd                              | Review on Human Resources   | September 1999 | No   |
| Wendy Griener   | Strategic Communications for Bus Contracts  | February 2000  | No   |
| Ernst and Young   | Probity Auditor—Competitive Tendering 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round                             | February 2000  | No   |
| Arthur Anderson<br>Planning SA                          | GST Implementation Issues   | Various        | No   |
| MITS Ltd  | Electronic Lodgement Feasibility Study  | December 1999  | No   |
| MITS Ltd  | Process Control System—System description and system review                             | February 2000  | No   |
| QED Pty Ltd   | Metropolitan Adelaide Industrial Land Strategy  | July 1999      | No   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd   | Resource material for workshop presentation   | October 1999   | No   |
| QED Pty Ltd   | Car Parking Study   | March 2000     | No<br>(Forms part of proposed Planning bulletin)             |
| Graham Gaston and Associates                            | Metropolitan Fringe Land Bank—Position paper  | July 1999      | No   |
| Murray F Young and Associates                           | Parade Central Development—Review of parking demand and patronage levels                | October 1999   | No   |
| Christopher Stapleton Consulting                        | Glenelg Foreshore Development—Review of Traffic and Parking                             | October 1999   | No   |
| Christopher Stapleton Consulting                        | Holdfast Shores Stage 2 Development Review—Assessment of traffic and parking            | March 2000     | No   |
| Transport SA  |   |                |  |

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|--|--|----------------|--|
| Vipac Engineers and Scientists Ltd     | Adelaide International Airport (AIA) (Runway Extension) Noise Monitoring Program                                 | June 1999      | Yes<br>15 July 1999  |
| Kristine Peters Project Management     | Best Practice Exemptions and Approvals—Heavy Vehicle Permits   | July 1999      | No   |
| Steer Davies Gleave                    | The Living Neighbourhood—Final Report (Dulwich)  | July 1999      | Report not made public, however, some results are quoted to interested organisations (e.g. Councils) |
| Hassell Pty Ltd                        | Jet ski legislation review   | September 1999 | Yes<br>October 1999  |
| KPMG Corporate Finance                 | Scoping Review in relation to Rider Safe   | September 1999 | No   |
| Maunsell McIntyre                      | Portrush Road, Magill—Greenhill Road Status Report   | September 1999 | No   |
| John Morris Consulting Pty Ltd         | Legislation and Policy Development Section Plan  | September 1999 | No   |
| Maunsell                               | Management Plan For Pt MacDonnell Boat Haven   | October 1999   | Yes<br>October 1999  |
| QED Pty Ltd                            | Port Lincoln Access Study. Issues identification report  | October 1999   | No   |
| KPMG Corporate Finance                 | Scoping Review: Level 3b and 3c Vehicle Inspections  | October 1999   | No   |
| Maunsell McIntyre                      | Portrush Road, Magill Road—Greenhill Road Planning Investigation and Concept Development Working Report          | December 1999  | No   |
| Kinhill/QED                            | Gomersal Road Barossa Valley Strategic Assessment of Alternative Routes  | December 1999  | No   |
| Shane P Foley                          | Vehicle Survey   | January 2000   | No   |
| Connell Wagner/Hassell /PPK consortium | Britannia Intersection Upgrade—Status Report   | January 2000   | No   |
| Simsion Bowles and Associates          | BPR and Development of Interfaced Transaction and Information Services   | February 2000  | No   |
| QED                                    | Ten Year Investment Plan for Public Transport Systems to Provide Bus Priority                                    | February 2000  | No   |
| Kinhill                                | Strategic Assessment of the Kent Town Arterial Road Network  | March 2000     | Distributed to relevant Councils   |
| Maunsell McIntyre                      | Portrush Road, Magill Road—Greenhill Road Planning Investigation and Concept Development Project Proposal Report | March 2000     | No   |
| QED                                    | Barossa Access Study   | April 2000     | Distributed to relevant Councils   |
| Shane P Foley                          | Marryatville—Heathpool Traffic Study   | April 2000     | No   |
| PricewaterhouseCoopers                 | Various briefings on progress of contract negotiations with an external provider of electronic commerce services | Various        | No   |
| TransAdelaide                          |  |                |  |
| PB Industrial Relations                | Business Planning  | August 1999    | No   |
| PB Industrial Relations                | Business Planning  | November 1999  | No   |
| William M Mercer Cullen                | Remuneration Strategy Report   | November 1999  | No   |
| Price Waterhouse Coopers               | Business Compliance  | November 1999  | No   |
| Mark Coleman                           | Broad & Exec Planning  | April 2000     | No   |
| PSI Consulting Pty Ltd                 | Tender Evaluation Report   | October 1999   | No   |
| Higgins Botha                          | Tender Implication Report<br>Depot Comparison Report   | August 1999    | No   |
| Currie & Brown (Aust) Pty Ltd          | Engineering Report   | September 1999 | No   |
| Arthur Andersen                        | GST Impact Assessment Report   | December 1999  | No   |
| BBOT                                   | Analysis of Metal Folder   | September 1999 | Made Available   |
| Brett Wats                             | Investigation of Outstanding Claims  | November 1999  | No   |
| University of South Australia          | Evaluation of Electronic Fuel Injection System   | July 1999      | No   |
| Rail Matters                           | Review of Network Operations Manual  | June 2000      | No   |
| PB Consulting                          | Business Planning  | August 1999    | No   |
| PSI Consulting                         | RFP Evaluation Plan  | August 1999    |  |

|                                |   |               |    |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|----|
| Management Consulting Alliance | Evaluation of QA Schedule for Railcar Maintenance Tendering process     | October 1999  | No |
| Currie & Brown (Aust) Pty Ltd  | Tender Presentation   | October 1999  | No |
| Currie & Brown (Aust) Pty Ltd  | Engineering Report for Rail Car Tender                                  | November 1999 | No |
| Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd   | Business Case for Replacement of TransAdelaide CTC (Preliminary Report) | January 2000  | No |

### CONSULTANCIES EXPENDITURE

In reply to Mr ATKINSON.  
The Hon. DIANA LAIDLAW:

Consultancies less than \$10,000 at time of engagement

| Consultant                      | Purpose/Terms of Reference   | Tender/Expression of Interests    | Total Estimate at time of engagement \$'000 |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Arts SA                         | Grant Management IT support  | Specific/known expertise required | 2.0   |
| CISA                            | A Cunningham—Review of structure   | Specific/known expertise required | 10.0  |
| Morgan & Banks                  | Der Ring des Nibelungen Consultancy  | Specific/known expertise required | 9.0   |
| Anthony Steel & Associates      | Music House Consultancy  | Specific/known expertise required | 3.0   |
| David Ninio                     | Sample Design State Library of Victoria  | Specific/known expertise required | 1.3   |
| Australian Bureau of Statistics | Removal of concrete and besser brick from an Arthur Boyd tile  | Specific/known expertise required | 0.6   |
| Heritage Stone Restorations     | Major Project for which Artlab was commissioned by the Adelaide City Council to examine 12 sculptures in the City area | Specific/known expertise required | 1.2   |
| RJ Bolton Architectural         | Introducing Recollections Workshop   | Specific/known expertise required | 0.5   |
| Soderlund Consulting            | Forum on future Directions in Preservation   | Specific/known expertise required | 1.0   |
| State Library of Victoria       | Assistance for Discovery Channel (USA)   | Specific/known expertise required | 1.0   |
| Mirror Image Media              | Artlab Library Links   | Preferred Supplier                | 0.7   |
| Hassell                         | Women's Executive Search and Report  | Specific/known expertise required | 6.6   |
| Office for the Status of Women  | Women and Work research consultancy  | Specific/known expertise required | 9.0   |
| Jane Jeffreys                   | Women on Boards  | Specific/known expertise required | 9.8   |
| Luminis—University of Adelaide  | Assistance with Human Resources  | Preferred Supplier                | 8.0   |
| Jane Jeffreys                   | Third Round of Competitive Tendering—Advice to the Evaluation Team   | Specific/known expertise required | 4.0   |
| Passenger Transport Board       | Review of the Stage 2 development proposal for Holdfast Shores   | Specific/known expertise required | 9.0   |
| McPhee Andrewartha              | Parade Central Development   | Specific/known expertise required | 3.0   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd                 | Glenelg Foreshore Development  | Specific/known expertise required | 6.0   |
| Planning SA                     | Vegetation Survey: Pt Augusta to Pt Wakefield, Lochiel Corner  | Preferred Supplier                | 1.0   |
| Christopher Stapleton           | Engineering Design for Beachport Boatyard  | Specific/known expertise required | 1.2   |
| Murray F Young & Associates     | Vegetation Survey: Stuart Highway, Port Augusta  | Preferred Supplier                | 1.0   |
| Christopher Stapleton           | Vegetation Survey: Noarlunga to Victor Harbor Road   | Preferred Supplier                | 3.8   |
| Transport SA                    | Vegetation Survey: Old Norton Summit Road  | Preferred Supplier                | 8.5   |
| Native Flora Works              | Vegetation Survey: Port Augusta to Port Wakefield—Overtaking Lanes   | Preferred Supplier                | 9.2   |
| Terry Magryn & Associates       | Vegetation Survey: Noarlunga to Victor Harbor intersection with Woodcone Cleland Gully Road                            | Preferred Supplier                | 2.3   |
| Phil Wild                       | Vegetation Survey: Port Augusta to Port Wakefield Road (Lochiel-Snowtown)  | Preferred Supplier                | 9.0   |
| Phil Wild                       | Vegetation Survey: Berri Loxton—Overtaking Lanes   | Preferred Supplier                | 2.9   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd                 | Vegetation Survey: Riddoch Highway—Overtaking Lanes  | Preferred Supplier                | 7.9   |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd                 | Vegetation Survey: Upper Sturt Road: Lindsay Terrace, Belair   | Preferred Supplier                | 1.2   |
| Occupational Risk Services      | Vegetation Survey: Hahndorf to Echunga Road  | Preferred Supplier                | 6.5   |
| Eyre Native Seeds               | Vegetation Survey: Dukes Highway   | Preferred Supplier                | 4.7   |
| Native Flora Works              | Assessment of Applications for Landscape Prequalification  | Preferred Supplier                | 1.5   |
| Native Flora Works              | Supply and Collection of Native Seed: Mt Wedge and Poldia Station  | Preferred Supplier                | 5.1   |
| Phil Wild                       | Vegetation Survey: Yankalilla to Victor Harbor Road (MM27—MM27.2)  | Preferred Supplier                | 1.9   |
| Casuarina Land Management       | Vegetation Survey: Gray Street and Gawler Street, Pt Noarlunga   | Preferred Supplier                | 1.9   |
|                                 | Vegetation Survey: Innaminka to Queensland Border  | Preferred Supplier                | 3.8   |



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|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Blackwood to Goolwa Road   | Preferred Supplier                | 2.4   |
| Terry Magryn & Associates | Engineering Design for Robe Boatyard  | Specific/known expertise required | 2.6   |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Snowtown to Pt Wakefield Road (Passing Lanes)                                      | Preferred Supplier                | 2.9   |
| Nigel Turner              | Main North Road: Grand Junction Road to South Terrace, Montague Road to Warrendi Road                 | Preferred Supplier                | 3.0   |
| Nigel Turner              | Relocation of Palm Tree: Robe Terrace, Medindie   | Preferred Supplier                | 1.0   |
| Tree Net                  | SA vegetation data verification and research plant data   | Preferred Supplier                | 2.5   |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Noarlunga to Victor Harbor Road  | Preferred Supplier                | 2.9   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Burra to Robertstown Road (MM0.0—MM25.8)   | Tenders                           | 4.3   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Willunga to Myponga Road   | Tenders                           | 5.0   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Meadows to Willunga Road (MM0.0—MM5.0)   | Tenders                           | 5.6   |
| Tree Advisory services    | SA vegetation data verification and research plant data   | Preferred Supplier                | 3.5   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: McLaren Vale to Kangarilla Road  | Preferred Supplier                | 4.1   |
| Terry Magryn & Associates | Pt MacDonnell Boatyard: Concept and Design  | Specific/known expertise required | 8.5   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Meadows to Willunga Road (MM17.0—MM20.8)   | Preferred Supplier                | 5.0   |
| SA Weed Control Pty Ltd   | South Eastern Highway Swanport Pennisetum Cladestinun control   | Preferred Supplier                | 5.4   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Hahndorf to Echunga (entire length)  | Preferred Supplier                | 6.5   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Booleroo Centre to Jamestown   | Preferred Supplier                | 7.0   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Mt Barker to Flaxley Road  | Preferred Supplier                | 5.8   |
| Perkins Board Pty Ltd     | Sustainable Transport Investigation: Engagement of a geographer and planner                           | Preferred Supplier                | 8.6   |
| Casuarina Land Management | Vegetation Survey: West End Kangaroo Island   | Preferred Supplier                | 8.8   |
| PPI Services Pty Ltd      | Pollution Control Systems for Robe and Beachport Boatyards Stage 1                                    | Specific/known expertise required | 9.8   |
| Hassell Pty Ltd           | Vegetation Survey: Eyre Highway (Cungena-Karcultaby)  | Tenders                           | 10.0  |
| Ryan Norman & Associates  | Road Network Strategy   | Preferred Supplier                | 2.0   |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd           | Dukes Highway (MM133.4 to MM136.5): Passing Lanes   | Preferred Supplier                | 4.7   |
| Maunsell McIntyre         | Design and documentation of the provision of traffic signals: The Grove Way junction with Bridge Road | Tenders                           | 8.9   |
| TOTAL                     |   |                                   | 289.9 |

## Consultancies between \$10,001 and \$50,000 at time of engagement

| Consultant                        | Purpose/Terms of Reference  | Tender/Expression of Interests    | Total Estimate at time of engagement \$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Arts SA                           |   |                                   |   |
| Moore Stephens Priestley & Morris | Feasibility for a business centre at Carrick Hill   | Tender                            | 20.0  |
| Patna Properties                  | Advisor on redevelopment Heritage Building  | Specific/known expertise required | 22.0  |
| University of Melbourne           | State Library of Victoria: South East Wing Project  | Specific/known expertise required | 17.0  |
| Office for the Status of Women    |   |                                   |   |
| Nil                               |   |                                   |   |
| Passenger Transport Board         |   |                                   |   |
| KPMG                              | Contract Management System  | Tender                            | 21.0  |
| Booz—Allen & Hamilton             | Third Round of Competitive Tendering—Refinement of services specification and contract payment system | Specific/known expertise required | 44.0  |
| Stephen Taylor and Assoc          | ATAS Project  | Invitation of offers              | 42.0  |
| Wendy Griener & Assoc             | Third Round of Competitive Tendering—Strategic Communications Plan                                    | Specific/known expertise required | 10.0  |
| Ernst and Young                   | Third Round of Competitive Tendering—Undertaking of Probity Auditing                                  | Tender                            | 29.0  |
| Arthur Andersen                   | GST Implementation  | Specific/known expertise required | 15.0  |
| Planning SA                       |   |                                   |   |
| Kinhill Engineers                 | Improvement to the quality of information in Development Applications                                 | Expressions of Interest sought    | 29.0  |
| Quality Environment Decisions     | Review car parking standards nationally   | Select tender                     | 30.0  |
| MITS                              | Process control system document   | Extension of Electronic Lodgement |   |
|                                   |   | Feasibility study                 | 17.0  |
| Transport SA                      |   |                                   |   |
| Kinhill Engineers                 | Review of Fishing Industry Charges  | Specific/known expertise required | 12.5  |
| Hassell Pty Ltd                   | Phytophthora Surveys: Fleurieu Peninsula Roads  | Preferred Supplier                | 15.5  |
| Kinhill Engineers                 | Develop models for Fishing Industry levy project  | Specific/known expertise required | 16.9  |

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|--|---|-------------------------|-------|
| Phillips Management Consultants                  | Operational, industrial, policy and strategic advice on rail issues                       | Preferred Supplier      | 20.0  |
| Casuarina Land Management                        | Drive By Vegetation Survey: Northern & Western Region—Eyre Peninsula                      | Preferred Supplier      | 17.3  |
| Patrick O'Connor                                 | Drive By Vegetation Survey: various roads in the Upper South East/Marlee/Lower South East | Preferred Supplier      | 24.1  |
| Millington Landscape Pty Ltd                     | Supply and laying of erosion matting Magpie Creek culvert embankments                     | Preferred Supplier      | 22.0  |
| McDougall & Vines Resource Monitoring & Planning | Birkenhead Bridge Conservation Plan   | Expressions of Interest | 15.0  |
| Hassell Pty Ltd                                  | Drive By Vegetation Survey: Various Roads on the Yorke Peninsula                          | Preferred Supplier      | 18.3  |
| Kinhill Engineers                                | Jet Ski Legislation Review  | Offers                  | 20.7  |
| InterBiz   | Commercial Non-Fishing Vessel Levy  | Preferred Supplier      | 20.0  |
| Pricewaterhouse Cooper                           | GST-Masterpiece System Modifications  | Preferred Supplier      | 25.0  |
| HDS Australia Pty Ltd                            | GST-Tax Advice  | Preferred Supplier      | 25.0  |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd                                  | Design and documentation of three overtaking lanes: Pt Augusta to Pt Wakefield Road       | Tenders                 | 24.6  |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd                                  | Design and documentation of two overtaking lanes: Dukes Highway                           | Tenders                 | 18.5  |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd                                  | Barossa Valley Way, Old Kapunda Road Intersection   | Preferred Supplier      | 13.6  |
| Dare Sutton Clarke                               | Design and documentation of two overtaking lanes: Pt Augusta to Pt Wakefield Road         | Tenders                 | 11.7  |
| Kinhill Pty Ltd                                  | Design and documentation of two overtaking lanes: Dukes Highway                           | Tenders                 | 13.9  |
| EGIS Consulting                                  | Design and documentation of two overtaking lanes: Riddoch Highway                         | Tenders                 | 22.2  |
| EGIS Consulting                                  | Design and documentation of two overtaking lanes: Princess Highway                        | Tenders                 | 22.2  |
| BC Tonkin & Associates                           | Design and documentation of three overtaking lanes: Pt Augusta to Pt Wakefield Road       | Tenders                 | 24.7  |
| PPK Environment & Infrastructure                 | Design and documentation of three overtaking lanes: Dukes Highway                         | Tenders                 | 25.4  |
| Green Environmental Consultants                  | Southern Expressway—Independent Landscape Advice  | Preferred Supplier      | 34.0  |
| Lauren Davis-Native Flora Works                  | Adelaide to Crafers extension—Removal and potting of native grasses                       | Preferred Supplier      | 16.6  |
| TOTAL  |   |                         | 775.7 |

## Consultancies above \$50,001 at time of engagement

| Consultant                       | Purpose/Terms of Reference  | Tender/Expression of Interests    | Total Estimate at time of engagement \$'000 |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Arts SA                          |   |                                   |   |
| Arts Projects Australia          | 4th Australian Performing Arts Market   | Specific/known expertise required | 90.0  |
| Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu         | Preparation of GST Impact Statement   | Expression of Interest            | 19.0  |
| Office for the Status of Women   |   |                                   |   |
| Nil                              |   |                                   |   |
| Passenger Transport Board        |   |                                   |   |
| Josephine Tiddy                  | Access Cab Fleet Advisory Committee—Consultation  | Specific/known expertise required | 67.0  |
| Ferrier Hodgson                  | Third Round of Competitive Tendering—Evaluation Panel   | Specific/known expertise required | 67.0  |
| Maunsell McIntyre Planning SA    | Southern O-Bahn: Concept Design   | Tender                            | 600.0                                       |
| EDAW                             | Preparation of Masterplan for Glen Osmond Road  | Expressions of Interest           | 95.0  |
| Woods Bagot Dextley Transport SA | Parklands 21 Strategy   | Expressions of Interest           | 120.0                                       |
| Simson Bowles & Associates       | Strategy for the Replacement of DRIVERS System  | Tenders                           | 100.0                                       |
| QED Pty Ltd                      | Port Lincoln Freight Access Study   | Selected Tenders                  | 75.4  |
| QED Pty Ltd                      | Barossa Access Study  | Tenders                           | 66.0  |
| National Economics               | Greenhouse Gas Abatement  | Tenders                           | 60.0  |
| RoadUser International           | On-road dynamic performance testing of Medium Articulated heavy vehicles with dog/pig trailer | Preferred Supplier                | 65.0  |
| Connell Wagner                   | Britannia Roundabout: Concept Planning and Development  | Tenders                           | 231.0                                       |
| Steer Davis & Gleave             | Living Neighbourhood Program  | Specific/known expertise required | 450.0                                       |
| Coffey Partners                  | Southern Expressway: Geotechnical Services Phase 2  | Tenders                           | 159.7                                       |
| Vipac Engineers                  | Southern Expressway (Stage 2): Acoustic Assessment and Design                                 | Tenders                           | 91.0  |
| EGIS Consulting                  | Southern Expressway: Environmental Services   | Tenders                           | 170.0                                       |
| Hassell Pty Ltd                  | Southern Expressway: Landscape Design   | Tenders                           | 247.0                                       |

|                   |  |                                   |                |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Connell Wagner    | Hindmarsh Island Bridge: Project Management      | Specific/known expertise required | 344.0          |
| Connell Wagner    | Southern Expressway: Bridge Design               | Tenders                           | 205.5          |
| BC Tonkin         | Southern Expressway: Hydraulics and Hydrology    | Tenders                           | 265.0          |
| Maunsell McIntyre | Adelaide-Crafers: Construction Issues            | Tenders                           | 321.0          |
| PPK Consortium    | Portrush Road: Design and Documentation          | Tenders                           | 1,100.0        |
| Connell Wagner    | Southern Expressway: Road and Civil Works Design | Tenders                           | 750.0          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |  |                                   | <b>5,758.6</b> |

Total  
Estimate  
at time of  
engagement  
\$'000

| Consultant                     | Purpose/Terms of Reference  | Tender/Expression of Interests                    | \$'000 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|
| TransAdelaide                  |   |   |        |
| PB Industrial Relations        | Business Planning   | Tender  |        |
| PB Industrial Relations        | Business Planning   | Tender  |        |
| William M Mercer Cullen        | Remuneration Strategy Report  | Specific/known expertise required                 |        |
| Price Waterhouse Coopers       | Business Compliance   | Preferred Supplier                                |        |
| Mark Coleman                   | Broad & Exec Planning   | Specific/known expertise required                 |        |
| PSI Consulting Pty Ltd         | Tender Evaluation Report  | Tender  |        |
| Currie & Brown (Aust) Pty Ltd  | Engineering Report  | Expression of Interest                            |        |
| BBOT                           | Analysis of Metal Folder  | Specific/known expertise required                 |        |
| Brett Wats                     | Investigation of Outstanding Claims                                     | Specific/known expertise required                 |        |
| PB Consulting                  | Business Planning   | Tender  |        |
| PSI Consulting                 | RFP Evaluation Plan   | Tender  |        |
| Management Consulting Alliance |   | Evaluation of QA Schedule for Railcar Maintenance |        |
|                                | Tendering process   | Expression of Interest                            |        |
| Currie & Brown (Aust) Pty Ltd  | Tender Presentation   | Tender  |        |
| Currie & Brown (Aust) Pty Ltd  | Engineering Report for Rail Car Tender                                  | Tender  |        |
| Higgins Botha                  | Tender Implication Report   | Tender  |        |
|                                | Depot Comparison Report   |   |        |
| Arthur Andersen                | GST Impact Assessment Report  | Preferred Supplier                                |        |
| University of South Australia  | Evaluation of Electronic Fuel Injection System                          | Specific/known expertise required                 |        |
| Rail Matters                   | Review of Network Operations Manual                                     | Specific/known expertise required                 |        |
| Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd   | Business Case for Replacement of TransAdelaide CTC (Preliminary Report) | Expression of Interest                            |        |

NOTE: Details of costs relating to advertising and promotional activities undertaken by TransAdelaide are not provided given the commercial nature of TransAdelaide operations. The release of this information may provide TransAdelaide's competitors with a summary of its expenditure and information that could be to their competitive advantage.

**Minister for Education and Children's Services,  
Minister for Employment and Training and Minister  
for Youth**

**RENT OF VACANT AND UNUSED OFFICE SPACE  
DURING 1999-2000**

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** Rental records indicate that no agencies within the portfolio of Education and Children's Services have rented any vacant or unused office space during 1999-2000.

**PRESCHOOL EDUCATION EXPENSES**

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

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The estimated revenue of \$1.644 million shown against proposed expenditure of \$71.833 million in 2000-2001 for pre-school education essentially consists of the Commonwealth contributions for preschool support programs and other receipts related to the program. The revenue is made up as follows:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Commonwealth                                  | \$'000   |
| - Aboriginal Programs                         | .563     |
| - Children with Disabilities                  | .618     |
| Reimbursement of Targeted Separation Packages | .391     |
| Other Miscellaneous receipts                  | .072     |
|   | \$1.644m |

**SALISBURY CAMPUS—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA**

In reply to **Ms RANKINE:**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The Acts that regulate universities in South Australia stipulate that a university must get approval from

the Governor in order to sell any of its real property. Section 6(4) of the *University of South Australia Act 1990* states: '... the University cannot, except with the approval of the Governor and in accordance with any terms or conditions stipulated by the Governor in granting that approval, sell, lease (except for a term not exceeding 21 years), or otherwise dispose of, mortgage or charge any of its real property.'

In October 1992 under the Labor Government, freehold title to Salisbury Campus was transferred to the University of South Australia from the former South Australian College of Advanced Education pursuant to s16 of the *Statutes Amendment and Repeal (Merger of Tertiary Institutions) Act 1990*. This is not Crown Land.

While the current zoning of the site is for residential use, the University, who have been trying to find a buyer since it closed the Salisbury Campus in 1996, will use the site for educational purposes, if possible.

In granting approval to the University to sell the Salisbury Campus the Governor imposed two conditions on the sale:

1. The University receiving a fair and reasonable market price, being no less than the Valuer-General's valuation at the time of sale; and
2. Any such contract being subject to the property re-zoned to 'mixed use'.

The second restriction prohibits the sale of the land for purely residential purposes and acknowledges the interest in the property by the Salisbury Council and the local community.

I am advised that the University, the purchaser and the Salisbury Council are discussing a new Plan Amendment Report (PAR) for the site which will be lodged with the Minister for Transport and Urban Planning later this year. This PAR will change the zoning to 'mixed use'.

**EDUCATION EXPENDITURE—P21**

In reply to **Ms WHITE.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The projected outcome for 1999-2000 compared to the original budget is the result of increases to the

Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) budget approved by Treasury, and expenditure associated with commonwealth funding. The major variations are as follows:

|  | \$'M |
|--|------|
| Increased User Choice expenditure                                    | 8.0  |
| GST Implementation Costs   | 4.6  |
| EDS Payments   | 2.4  |
| Family Day Care Grant (Commonwealth)                                 | 4.8  |
| Approved cash run down (DETE 3 year budget strategy 1998-99—2000-01) | 4.6  |

With regard to Partnerships 21, I reiterate advice given during Estimates that Partnerships 21 is fully funded through re-allocation, and therefore is not reflected in the expected 'over-expenditure' for 1999-2000.

As previously indicated, the main reason for the variation was the 4 per cent interim wage increase awarded from 22 December 1999. The department was unable to predict the amount to be provided for wage increases in 1999-2000, however Treasury provided a notional amount of 2 per cent averaged over the 1999-2000 financial year. The decision by the Industrial Commission to award a 4 per cent increase from 22 December 1999 equated with the notional 2 per cent provision provided by Treasury. This amount was transferred to the department's budget for 1999-2000.

#### CITIZENSHIP—ANZAC DAY

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

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The national Discovering Democracy project is a Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs (DETYA) civics and citizenship education project, run in collaboration with States and Territories. DETYA has developed numerous resources to assist teachers in educating students on Australian citizenship. For example We Remember involves Years 4 and 5 students in learning about important national celebrations and commemorations including ANZAC Day. We Remember is part of the Australian Nation theme of programs in which Years 4 to 10 students participate.

The History Teachers' Association of Australia's Simpson Prize specifically focuses on the Australian ANZAC tradition. It is an annual prize open to all Year 9 students. The South Australian winner travels to Turkey to take part in the ANZAC Day Services with the winners from other States and Territories. Chloe Ey, from Wilderness School, was the 1999 SA winner and attended the 2000 ANZAC Day Services at ANZAC Cove. The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) recognises the importance of the competition and encourages the involvement of all Year 9 students.

Schools can incorporate such resources and initiatives to plan and deliver curriculum content in history, within the new SACSA Framework, and in line with school priorities and the specific needs of their students.

The teaching of history in schools will also benefit from the National Inquiry Into School History that has just reported to Dr David Kemp, Federal Minister for Education, Training and Employment. It is likely that this will lead to an increased commonwealth, state and territory collaborative effort to further support the quality teaching of history in schools.

#### SALE OF STURT PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

In reply to **Mr HANNA.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The disposal of the site of the former Sturt Primary School has been delayed for a number of reasons.

Initially, the disposal was held pending the outcome from a report commissioned by the then Premier Dean Brown on the Strategic Options of Regional Recreation in South West Metropolitan Adelaide. No action resulted from the report in respect of the Sturt Primary School site.

The City of Marion later offered to purchase the site, however the conditions the council sought to impose upon the sale were not acceptable. Protracted negotiations occurred with council in an attempt to set up an Information Technology Incubator, an IT Education and Training facility and a Smart Housing development. The proposal by the council was eventually rejected.

The City of Marion made a further approach involving a land exchange and development of a TAFE centre as part of the Domain complex at Oaklands Park. Again, this proposal was eventually rejected.

The property has now been placed in the hands of the Land Management Corporation (LMC) for disposal in the normal manner.

While there have been a number of inquires in relation to the property, LMC is not negotiating with any party for the sale of the site. Agents appointed by LMC are preparing a marketing proposal for the disposal. It is anticipated that sale of the property will occur in August 2000.

Subsequent to the closure of Marion High School, and Sturt and South Road Primary Schools, expenditures were incurred on redevelopments and information technology projects at Daws Road and Hamilton High Schools and Clovelly Park and Marion Primary Schools. In addition, other sites affected by the Marion Road Corridor Review (Ascot Park, Clapham, Colonel Light Gardens, Edwardstown and Forbes Primary Schools) received funding for projects through the Programmed Maintenance/Minor Works Program.

#### PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING

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

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The apparent increase in output expenditure for pre-school education is the result of an improved accounting process that more accurately identifies expenditure against the appropriate output.

This included a more comprehensive approach to the allocation of corporate overheads against all outputs resulting in some costs being transferred to pre-school education.

The main variations are as follows:

|   | \$'M         |
|---|--------------|
| Major/Minor Works                             | 1.803        |
| Utilities Costs (support services)            | 1.080        |
| Long Service Leave                            | .995         |
| Waste Disposal/Rental/Hire (support services) | .966         |
| Maintenance of Facilities                     | .726         |
| Targeted Separation Packages                  | .445         |
| Early Assistance Support                      | 1.008        |
| Allocation of Overheads (Net)                 | .338         |
|   | <u>7.361</u> |

#### CONSULTANCIES

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The attached table indicates which consultants submitted reports during 1999-2000, the date the report was received and whether the reports were made public.

| Consultancies  |                 |                    |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Title  | Report Received | Report made public |
| Internal Review of State Office  | Jan'00          | No                 |
| Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Project Strategic Results       | Oct'99          | Yes                |
| Business Case for Human Resources System                                   | Dec'99          | No                 |
| South Australian Curriculum Standards Association Accountability Framework | Jul'00          | Yes                |
| Special Services Review  | Dec'99          | No                 |
| Workforce Demand Analysis  | Jul'99          | No                 |
| Focus Schools Program  | Apr'00          | No                 |
| Development of a model and methodology for Indonesian learners             | Jan'00          | Yes                |
| VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Project - Devel Tender                  | Sept'99         | No                 |

| Consultancies  |                 |                    |  |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| Title  | Report Received | Report made public |  |
| Review of Strategic Response                                 | Jan'00          | No                 |  |
| Publishing Review  | Aug'99          | No                 |  |
| LearnSA Structure  | Nov'99          | No                 |  |
| Barcode System for Log Books (recommend a system & training) | Jan'00          | No                 |  |
| REMUS HRMS (Human Resource Management Service) Review        | Mar'00          | No                 |  |
| E-Commerce Business Plan                                     | Apr'00          | No                 |  |
| Critical Teaching project                                    | Dec'99          | No                 |  |
| Curriculum Standards Accountability Framework                | Jul'99          | No                 |  |
| Probity Assessment Tender Library Software                   | Oct'99          | No                 |  |
| ESL (English as a Second Language) Tutor Training            | Sept'99         | No                 |  |

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF—CLASSIFICATION AND REMUNERATION

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** I have three ministerial staff who are as follows:

Ms Denise Keane – Chief of Staff

Mr John Behenna—Ministerial Adviser

Ms Chris Bodinar – Personal Assistant

Ministerial staff salaries are as printed in Government Gazette No. 45 on 16 March 2000.

#### MOBILE TELEPHONES

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The total mobile telephone bill (call and rental costs) for the Department of Education, Training and Employment for 1999-2000 is approximately \$749 000. This amount includes TAFE Institutes, school and administrative sites. The amount which I indicated in the Estimates Committee did not include operation costs incurred by TAFE Institutes.

While TAFE mobile phone costs are managed within institute budgets, this expenditure can be identified within the department's ledgers. For any mobile phones purchased by preschools, call, rental and hardware costs are met through Preschool Management Committees' funds and this expenditure is not recorded in the department's ledgers.

Departmental systems do not record separately the call and rental costs for mobile phones expenditure.

#### TAFE FEES

In reply to **Ms WHITE.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** Accredited Courses delivered under Fee for Service (FFS) are not subject to the GST. Only non-accredited courses ie those that are not intended to develop vocational skills will be subject to GST.

There is no data gathered on non-accredited courses delivered by non-TAFE providers.

Based on 1999 data, only 18.97 per cent of TAFE FFS students will be liable for the GST which represents 5 587 out of a total 92 130 or just 6.06 per cent of all TAFE students.

As the TAFE data focuses on module enrolments as opposed to course enrolments the answer to the question relating to FFS courses is answered in terms of modules.

Out of a total of 647 009 module enrolments in TAFE in 1999, just 6 797 or 1.05 per cent would have been subject to the GST.

Out of a total 17 240 507 curriculum hours in TAFE in 1999, just 86 007 or 0.50 per cent would have been subject to the GST.

#### PRIVATE PLATED CARS

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** I refer you to the Chief Executive and Executive Motor Vehicle Policy for the conditions which are attached to the use of private plated cars.

#### INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS TRAVEL

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The attached list details interstate travel attended during 1999-2000 by executives, including costs, locations and purposes.

#### Interstate Travel by Executive Public Servants—DETE—1999-2000

| Title                       | Date                      | Cost  | Location                     | Purpose  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Minister and Chief of Staff | August 99                 | \$1095  | Canberra                     | Meeting with Minister Kemp (Mrs Buckby included) Study of recent developments in education, training and children's services in the United Kingdom and Ireland |
|                             | September 99              | \$37,380  | United Kingdom/<br>Ireland   |  |
| Chief Executive             | March 00                  | \$1663  | Sydney<br>Vietnam            | MCEETYA<br>Enhance the State's relationship with the Government of Vietnam   |
|                             | May 00                    | \$11,200  |                              |  |
|                             | June 99                   | (Paid by ASTF)  | Sydney                       | ASTF Board Meeting   |
|                             | June 99                   | \$1059  | Melbourne                    | MCEETYA National Recruitment Taskforce   |
|                             | August 99                 | \$734   | Melbourne                    | MCEETYA VET in Schools Taskforce   |
|                             | August 99                 | \$730   | Canberra                     | Attend meeting between Minister Kemp and Minister Buckby   |
|                             | August 99                 | (Paid by conference Committee)  | Melbourne                    | Guest speaker at Victorian Principals Conference   |
|                             | August 99                 | (Paid by UNESCO National Commission)<br>(Paid by ASTF)                                      | Canberra                     | UNESCO meeting of National Commission  |
|                             | August 99                 | \$736<br>\$744  |                              |  |
|                             | August 99<br>September 99 | (balance paid by ASTF)<br>Paid by DETYA<br>Paid by ASTF<br>(included in international trip) | Sydney<br>Sydney<br>Brisbane | ASTF Board Meeting<br>MCEETYA VET in schools<br>CESCEO / ASTF Board meeting  |

|   |                |                                |                            |  |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|   | October 99     | \$734                          | Canberra                   | Prime Minister's Taskforce of Youth Pathways   |
|   | October 99     | \$920                          | Melbourne                  | ASTF Board meeting   |
|   | November 99    | \$1046                         | Melbourne                  | Curriculum Corporation Board meeting   |
|   |                | (Paid by ASTF)                 |                            |  |
|   |                | \$734                          |                            |  |
|   | December 99    | \$790                          | Melbourne                  | Youth Pathways Taskforce meeting   |
|   | December 99    | (balance paid by ASTF)         | Canberra                   | UNESCO meeting   |
|   | January 00     | \$924                          | Canberra                   | Youth Pathways Taskforce meeting   |
|   | January 00     | \$1059                         | Melbourne                  | ASTF Planning Day  |
|   | February 00    | \$1059                         | Melbourne                  | Curriculum Corporation Strategic Planning  |
|   | February 00    | \$1402                         | Perth                      | ASTF Board / MCEETYA VET in Schools Taskforce  |
|   |                | \$741                          |                            |  |
|   |                | \$1257                         |                            |  |
|   | February 00    | \$760                          | Melbourne                  | Curriculum Corporation Board   |
|   | March 00       | (Paid by ASTF)                 | Sydney                     | CE's meeting on Higher Education   |
|   | March 00       | \$454                          | Sydney                     | Youth Pathways Taskforce   |
|   | March 00       | \$13,441                       | Sydney                     | MCEETYA / ANTA MINCO   |
|   | May 00         |                                | Canberra                   | Youth Pathways Taskforce   |
|   | May 00         |                                | Sydney                     | MCEETYA Teacher Recruitment Taskforce  |
|   | May 00         | \$6549                         | Melbourne                  | CESCEO   |
|   | June 00        | \$6543                         | Sydney                     | ASTF Board   |
|   | June 00        | (balance paid by NT Education) | Canberra                   | Youth Pathways Taskforce   |
|   | September 99   |                                | United Kingdom/<br>Ireland | Accompany Minister Buckby to study recent developments in Education, Training and Children's Services in the United Kingdom and Ireland  |
|   |                | \$5618                         |                            |  |
|   | November 99    |                                | France                     | 30 <sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO  |
|   | December 99    |                                | Taiwan/Thailand            | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary SEAPREMS meeting – key theme speaker / 5 <sup>th</sup> UNESCO-ACEID Learning Curriculum and Pedagogy: Innovative Visions for the New Century Conference |
|   | May 00         |                                | Vietnam                    | Accompany Minister Buckby to enhance the State's relationship with the Government of Vietnam   |
| Deputy Chief Executive                                | July 99        | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | National Education Performance Monitoring Taskforce (NEPMT)  |
|   | July 99        | \$1711                         | Sydney/Brisbane            | Productivity Commission Government Marketing   |
|   | August 99      | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | NEPMT  |
|   | October 99     | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | NEPMT  |
|   | November 99    | \$782                          | Sydney/Melbourne           | NEPMT  |
|   |                |                                |                            | Australian Business Congress / Participation Framework Project Steering Committee  |
| (Delegate for Deputy Chief Executive)                 | November 99    | \$783                          | Sydney                     | NEPMT  |
|   | December 99    | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | Participation Project Steering Committee   |
|   | December 99    | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | NEPMT  |
|   | February 00    | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | NEPMT  |
|   | April 00       | \$785                          | Sydney                     | NEPMT  |
|   | April 00       | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | Schools Working Group  |
|   | April 00       | \$2632                         | USA                        | NEPMT  |
|   |                |                                |                            | Microsoft Government Leaders' Conference in Seattle  |
| Executive Director, Vocational Education and Training | June – July 99 | \$676                          | Brisbane/Sydney            | ANTA CEO's Committee Planning Day  |
|   | August 99      | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | ANTA – Spotlight on the Provider National Reference Group  |
|   | August 99      | \$954                          | Melbourne/<br>Canberra     | ANTA CEO's Planning Day  |
|   | September 99   | \$785                          | Sydney                     | ANTA CEO's meeting   |
|   | October 99     | \$1102                         | Brisbane/Sydney            | Australian Training Awards   |
|   | October 99     | \$785                          | Sydney                     | Infrastructure Working Group   |
|   | Nov – Dec 99   | \$1161                         | Sydney                     | Spotlight on the Provider Conference   |
|   | Feb – Mar 00   | \$679                          | Melbourne                  | Multicultural Joint Planning Committee   |
|   | March 00       | \$785                          | Sydney                     | ANTA MINCO   |
|   | May 00         | \$544                          | Melbourne                  | ANTA CEO's Committee meeting   |
|   | June 00        | \$892                          | Melbourne                  | ANTA MINCO   |
|   | May – June 00  | \$6024                         | UK/Netherlands/<br>France  | Study tour to investigate training and related issues in the UK and Netherlands  |
| Executive Director, Corporate Services                | May 00         | \$590                          | Sydney                     | 2000 Shared Services Conference  |
| Executive Director, Office of Employment and Youth    | October 99     | \$848                          | Sydney                     | National Group Training Steering Committee   |
|   | October 99     | \$702                          | Canberra                   | tee  |
|   | November 99    | \$946                          | Canberra                   | State/Territory, Government Reference Group  |
|   | November 99    | \$963                          | Canberra                   | Group  |
|   | March 00       | \$1212                         | Melbourne                  | MCEETYA Rural Training Reference Group   |
|   | March 00       | \$899                          | Sydney                     | Group  |
|   | March 00       | \$426                          | Sydney                     | Regional Cooperation and Development Forum   |
|   |                |                                |                            | Australasian Public Sector Leaders Course  |
|   |                |                                |                            | State/Territory Reference Group, Youth Pathways  |
|   |                |                                |                            | MCEETYA Youth Forum  |

|  |                |                                    |                    |   |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Executive Director,                          | August 99      | \$749                              | Melbourne          | MCEETYA   |
| Human Resources                              | August 99      | \$408                              | Melbourne          | MCEETYA   |
|  | September 99   | \$501                              | Canberra           | Australian Council of Deans in Education  |
|  | February 00    | \$665                              | Melbourne          | ACE Workshop – Registration, Certification of Teachers  |
|  | May 00         | \$771                              | Melbourne          | MCEETYA   |
| Executive Director,                          | February 00    | \$544                              | Melbourne          | Balanced Scorecard Conference   |
| Strategic Planning and Information           | May 00         | \$1067                             | Sydney/Newcastle   | NSW School Improvement Office / Balanced Scorecard Conference   |
|  | May 00         | \$727                              | Canberra           | NETSU Management Board  |
|  | May 00         | \$804                              | Melbourne          | Victoria Education Department – MCEETYA Annual National Report  |
|  | May 00         | \$1142                             | Brisbane           | MCEETYA Children's Services Working Group   |
| Executive Director,                          | July 99        | \$714                              | Melbourne          | Children's Services Administrators meeting  |
| Metropolitan Schools and Children's Services | August 99      | \$844                              | Canberra           | Community Services Ministers Conference/Community Services & Health   |
|  | September 99   | \$686                              | Melbourne          | ITAB CEO Board and meeting  |
|  | September 99   | \$960                              | Sydney             | CESCEO Early Childhood Education Working Party  |
|  | September 99   | \$1048                             | Brisbane           | Community Services and Health ITAB CEO Board  |
|  | November 99    | \$689                              | Melbourne          | AASEA Conference  |
|  | February 00    | \$916                              | Sydney             | CESCEO Early Childhood Education Working Party  |
|  | February 00    | \$834                              | Melbourne          | National Community Services Information Management Group  |
|  | Feb - Mar 00   | \$856                              | Canberra           | CESCEO Early Childhood Education Working Party  |
|  | March 00       | \$981                              | Melbourne          | OECD Thematic Review of Early Childhood Education   |
|  | March 00       | \$828                              | Canberra           | Children's Services Administrators Meeting  |
|  | April - May 00 | \$825                              | Canberra           | Standing Committee of Community Services & Income Security Administrators   |
|  | May 00         | \$777                              | Canberra           | CESCEO Thematic Review of Early Childhood Education   |
|  | May 00         | \$698                              | Melbourne          | Children's Services Administrators Meeting  |
|  | June 00        | (est) \$727                        | Melbourne/Canberra | World Curriculum Conference   |
|  | April 00       | \$3165                             | Singapore          | CESCEO Thematic Review of Early Childhood Education   |
|  |                |                                    |                    | Children's Services Administrators Meeting  |
|  |                |                                    |                    | Conference "New Leaders, New Schools, A New Future". Visit National Institute of Education  |
| Executive Director,                          | September 99   | \$1540                             | Brisbane           | AASEA Conference  |
| Country Schools and Children's Services      | March 00       | \$705                              | Canberra           | Meet with DETYA, HREOC briefing   |
|  | May 00         | \$870                              | Canberra           | Commonwealth Grants Commission regarding Indigenous funding   |
| Executive Director,                          | July 99        | \$741                              | Melbourne          | MCEETYA Benchmarking Taskforce and CESCEO Curriculum Working Group  |
| Curriculum                                   | August 99      | \$544                              | Melbourne          | Curriculum Corporation Board  |
|  | September 99   | \$703                              | Canberra           | MCEETYA Benchmarking Taskforce  |
|  | December 99    | \$1358                             | Brisbane           | CESCEO Curriculum Group   |
|  | November 99    | \$544                              | Melbourne          | MCEETYA Benchmarking Taskforce  |
|  | May 00         | \$1404                             | Melbourne          | Curriculum Corporation National Conference  |
|  | June 00        | \$55                               | Melbourne          | ACER – Improving Foundations for Lifelong Learning Reference Group  |
|  |                | (balance paid by ACER)             |                    |   |
| Executive Director,                          | January 00     | \$678                              | Melbourne          | Discussion with Victorian Office Review   |
| Office of Review                             | March 00       | \$927                              | Sydney             | Business Intelligence Conference  |
|  | April 00       | \$333                              | Singapore          | Conference 'New Leaders, New Schools, A New Future'. Meet with principals and senior staff of schools, with a focus on school assessment. |
|  |                | (balance paid by Ex Director)      |                    |   |
| Executive Director,                          | July 99        | \$785                              | Sydney             | Various Meetings  |
| Strategic Development                        | August 99      | \$490                              | Melbourne          | EDNA/SAG meeting  |
|  | October 99     | \$784                              | Hobart             | Education Conference  |
|  | June 00        | \$380                              | Melbourne          | Schools Net meeting   |
|  | Nov – Dec 99   | \$150                              | USA                | Participate in an advisory council on Sun Microsystems vision and strategies for Education  |
|  |                | (balance paid by Sun Microsystems) |                    |   |
|  | May 00         | \$7200                             | Canada             | Attend World Education Market   |

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| Director,<br>International Edu-<br>cation                         | July 99      | \$765                         | Melbourne<br>Canberra   | National Schools International Government<br>Group<br>Schools International Government Group                                  |
|   | August 99    | \$235                         |   |   |
|   |              | (balance paid by AEI)         |   |   |
|   | August 99    | \$705                         | Melbourne   |   |
|   | January 00   | \$831                         | Canberra  | Investigate operational procedures for<br>International Student Program   |
|   | April 00     | \$591                         | Canberra<br>Canberra  | DETYA meeting – International Education<br>matters / Schools International Government<br>Group                                |
|   | May 00       | \$587                         |   | DETYA meeting – International Education<br>matters  |
| Oct-Nov 99  | \$11,042     | Japan/Germany                 | East Timor Education Assistance Group   |   |
| May 00  | \$4171       | Vietnam                       | Meet key education bodies to reinforce the<br>long term commitment of SA DETE to links<br>with Japan.<br>Strengthen the Department's position as pre-<br>ferred supplier of consultancy services under<br>the Asian Development Bank Project, VET<br>project in Vietnam (in consortium with ITA<br>Victoria). |   |
| Assistant Director,<br>Training and De-<br>velopment              | February 00  | \$1159                        | Melbourne   | DETYA Project – Mapping Teacher Profes-<br>sional Development / Professional Develop-<br>ment Standards Forum                 |
|   | June 00      | \$728                         | Melbourne   | Meet with Victorian Education / National<br>Mapping Project   |
| Director, Executive<br>Services                                   | March 00     | \$1387                        | Sydney  | MCEETYA   |
|   | May 00       | \$564                         | Melbourne   | CESCEO  |
| Assistant Director,<br>Finance                                    | November 99  | \$1186                        | Perth   | GST National Working Party / National Fi-<br>nance Directors meeting  |
|   | September 99 | \$1145                        | Brisbane  | GST National Working Party  |
| Director,<br>Information<br>Technology Ser-<br>vices              | October 99   | \$2869                        | Brisbane  | Gartner Group IT Expo   |
|   | November 99  | \$750                         | Melbourne   | Microsoft 1999 South Pacific Region CIO and<br>IT Executive Summits   |
|   | May 00       | \$944                         | Hobart  | National School Management Systems  |
|   | June 00      | \$928                         | Sydney  | Conference<br>Gartner IT Executive Roundtable   |
| Director, National/State<br>Relations and Secretariat             | August 99    | \$852                         | Sydney  | MCEETYA sub-group, National VET Disabili-<br>ty Strategy Taskforce  |
|   | September 99 | \$710                         | Sydney  | National VET Disability Strategy Taskforce  |
|   | November 99  | \$559                         | Melbourne   | MCEETYA VEET Women's Taskforce  |
|   | October 99   | \$710                         | Sydney  | National VET Disability Taskforce   |
|   | December 99  | \$710                         | Sydney  | National VET Disability Taskforce   |
|   | February 00  | \$736                         | Sydney  | MCEETYA Women's Taskforce / State VET<br>Managers   |
|   | March 00     | \$828                         | Sydney  | National VET Disability Taskforce   |
|   | March 00     | \$562                         | Canberra  | DETYA IESIP VET Performance Indicator Ad-<br>visory Group   |
| Director, Aboriginal Em-<br>ployment and Education<br>Development | November 99  | \$1092                        | Alice Springs   | Centre For Appropriate Technology   |
| Director, Operations, Em-<br>ployment and Youth                   | April 00     | \$1088                        | Melbourne   | National Group Training Steering Committee –<br>ANTA / DETYA  |
| Director, Student and Pro-<br>fessional Services                  | July 99      | \$1249                        | Melbourne   | MCEETYA Taskforce on Drugs in Schools;<br>CESCEO working party; MCEETYA<br>Taskforce on Education Standards; visit<br>schools |
|   | September 99 | \$728                         | Melbourne   | MCEETYA Taskforce on Drugs in Schools   |
|   | November 99  | \$901                         | Canberra  | Meet Commonwealth on education standards<br>under Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)   |
|   | November 99  | \$254                         | Sydney  | National School Drug Education Strategy   |
|   |              | (balance paid by<br>C/wealth) |   |   |
|   | February 00  | \$1140                        | Canberra  |   |
|   | April 00     | \$1669                        | Perth   | CESCEO working party; MCEETYA<br>Taskforce on Standards in Education  |
| May 00  | \$1004       | Melbourne                     | National School Drug Education Strategy   |   |
| June 00   | \$756        | Canberra                      | Curriculum cooperation National Conference<br>2000<br>MCEETYA Taskforce   |   |
| Assistant Director, Office<br>of Review                           | March 00     | \$538                         | Melbourne   | Australian Quality Council Workshop and<br>school visits  |
|   | March 00     | \$1205                        | Melbourne   | School review / Accountability & Development<br>Division  |
|   | May 00       | \$1033                        | Canberra  | Service Delivery in Government Conference   |



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| Chief Executive,<br>SSABSA                       | August 99                                | \$1467                     | Perth                         | Australian Curriculum Assessment & Certification Authority (ACACA)                       |   |
|  | August 99                                | \$696                      | Melbourne                     | VET in schools   |   |
|  | September 99                             | \$1236                     | Brisbane                      | ACACA  |   |
|  | October 99                               | \$1096                     | Melbourne/<br>Canberra        | VET in schools   |   |
|  | November 99                              | \$505                      | Canberra                      | School to Work Programme   |   |
|  | February 00                              | \$776                      | Melbourne                     | VET in schools   |   |
|  | February 00                              | \$696                      | Melbourne                     | ACACA CEO's Meeting  |   |
|  | March 00                                 | \$966                      | Sydney                        | Recognition of Vocational Education  |   |
|  | October 99                               | \$9666                     | Kuala Lumpur                  | Malaysian Offshore Program   |   |
|  | April                                    | \$2639                     | New Zealand                   | ACACA CEO's meeting  |   |
|  | May                                      | \$15,096                   | England/Israel                | UK exams board and IAEA Annual Conference and Executive Meeting                          |   |
|  | Chief Executive, Educa-<br>tion Adelaide | July-August 99             | \$5289                        | Indonesia/Perth  | Exhibition/Marketing  |
|  |  | August 99                  | \$7265                        | Sydney/Hong Kong   | Exhibition/Marketing  |
|  |  | October 99                 | \$4961                        | Perth/Melbourne  | IDP Conference/Marketing  |
|  |  | October 99                 | \$9269                        | Hong Kong/<br>Kuala Lumpur/ Singapore  | Marketing/Official opening of overseas offices                        |
| January 00                                       |  | \$6352                     | Sydney/Perth/<br>Kuala Lumpur |  |   |
| February 00                                      |  | \$5244                     | Indonesia<br>Canberra         | Marketing  |   |
| March 00   |  | \$994                      | Melbourne                     | Exhibition   |   |
| March 00   |  | \$813                      | Singapore/Perth               | Meeting  |   |
| March 00   |  | \$5485                     | Perth/Tokyo/ Sydney           | Meeting  |   |
| May 00   |  | \$10,899                   | Indonesia/China               | Marketing/Exhibition/Meeting   |   |
| May-June 00                                      |  | \$6991                     |                               | Marketing/Meeting/Office visit   |   |
| Executive Director,<br>Helpmann Academy          |  | April 00                   | (Paid by Helpmann Academy)    | Melbourne  | Exhibition/Marketing/Meeting<br>Staff Development – CREATE Conference |
| Former Executive Direc-<br>tor, Helpmann Academy |  | July 99                    | (Paid by Helpmann Academy)    | Brisbane   | Attend Arts and Public Culture Conference – Impact of Privatisation   |
|  | July 99                                  | (Paid by Helpmann Academy) | Canberra                      | Meeting with DETYA, Canberra Institute of Art, Department of Communications and the Arts |   |
|  | October 99                               | (Paid by Helpmann Academy) | New Zealand                   | Conference – Global Arts Beyond 2000   |   |

\*\*Please note: Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar\*\*

#### GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** Departmental systems do not record the title of each cardholder. To compile a list of all cardholders and their titles would require significant additional administrative effort.

The corporate credit card was introduced to improve the department's purchasing and accounts payable performance. The credit card process ensures that suppliers receive timely payment, and at the same time the billing cycle improves cash management for government.

Subject to credit card controls and a monthly credit limit, a cardholder may use a credit card for the following reasons:

- Purchase low value goods over the counter
- Arrange and make payment for services where the cost must be known eg purchase of food and accommodation, taxi fares and entertainment expenses
- Arrange purchases of goods and services by telephone eg purchase of air travel and conference bookings
- Make payment for purchases already arranged ie where goods or services have been ordered and prompt payment is required.

#### EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:** The PSM Act contracted executives within the Department of Education, Training and Employment who have a remuneration package in excess of \$100,000 are:

#### \$100,000-\$119,999

- Mr R. Bos Assistant Director, Finance
- Ms S. Page Director, Student and Professional Services
- Mr D. Travers Director, Executive Services
- Mr L. Nayda Director, Aboriginal Employment Development Unit
- Mr G. Allan Director, Strategic Projects
- Ms E Swiecicka Assistant Director, Office of Review

Since the estimates committee was held, an executive contract has been finalised for Ms E. Raupach, chief executive, Helpmann Academy bringing the number in this group to seven.

#### \$120,000-\$139,999

- Ms K. Schaefer Director Operations, Office of Employment and Youth
- Ms J. Taylor Executive Director, Office of Employment and Youth
- Mr P Markwick-Smith Director, International Education
- Dr G. Wood Executive Director, Office for Vocational Education and Training
- Ms M. Harold Director, Information Technology
- Mr B. Treloar Executive Director, Corporate Services
- Mr S. Kelton Executive Director, Human Resources
- Ms J. Stehn Executive Director, Curriculum

#### \$140,000-\$159,999

- Mr K. Richardson Executive Director, Strategic Development

- Ms D. Davis Executive Director, Metropolitan, Schools and Children's Services
  - Mr M. Fong Executive Director, Office of Review
  - Ms S. Lloyd Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Information
  - Mr J Halsey Executive Director, Country, Schools and Children's Services
- \$160,000 and above
- Ms H. Kolbe Deputy Chief Executive
  - Mr G. Spring Chief Executive

In addition, both the Chief Executive, SSABSA and the chief Executive, Education Adelaide have salary and benefit packages which fall into the \$140,000-\$159,999 bracket.

As previously advised in estimates, no bonuses are paid within the Education Department to any executive. I am advised that the chief executive, Education Adelaide has an employment contract entitling him to a bonus payment, and that a bonus was paid in 1999-2000.

#### ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CAMPAIGNS

In reply to **Hon. M.D. RANN.**

**The Hon. M.R. BUCKBY:**

Department of Education, Training and Employment These year-to-date figures are effective from 1 July 1999 to 26 June 2000.

| Agency  | Activity/Purpose   | Cost  |
|---|--|---|
| Public Relations Unit   | Agricultural Learning Centre at Royal Show.  | \$20 000  |
|   | General promotional support and materials for DETE programs, events, exhibitions.  | \$50 000  |
|   | 'Xsite' Royal Show exhibition to showcase public education.  | \$101,000   |
|   | TAFE services promotions—publications, handbooks, events.  | \$230 000   |
| Office of Vocational Education and Training   | SA Training Awards to showcase excellence in training.   | \$90 000  |
|   | Tertiary and Multicultural Education Internet Site.  | \$1 000   |
| Metropolitan Schools and Children's Services  | Adult Learners Week promotion.   | \$9 500   |
|   | Children's services promotions—materials and displays  | \$17 500  |
| Country Schools and Children's Services   | 'Quality child care delivery' video production and distribution.   | \$34 800  |
|   | Country services promotions—brochures, displays, advertising.  | \$24 700  |
| Strategic Development   | SA Centre for Leaders in Education—information, promotion of services.   | \$4 800   |
|   | Enterprise and Vocational Education  | Enterprise Education Exemplary Program launch and distribution. |
| Enterprise and Vocational Education   | Enterprise Fair showcasing student enterprises.  | \$2 500   |
|   | 'Key Directions' document outlining Enterprise and Vocational Education Strategy—launch  | \$9 100   |
|   | Banners, photography, publications, displays, CD.  | \$5 400   |
|   | Good practice examples—development and promotion.  | \$7 600   |
| International Education and Training  | Promotion and Marketing of SA Schools and Tertiary Institutions to recruit international students and develop educational export opportunities.  | \$225 100   |
| Office of Employment and Youth  | Working Towns Conference promotion—regional employment initiative.   | \$4 700   |
|   | Premier's Youth Challenge logo and name competition.   | \$5 200   |
|   | National Youth Week event information, support, advertising.   | \$20 000  |
|   | Employment Programs media promotion.   | \$34 400  |
|   | Aboriginal State Public Sector Employment publicity campaign.  | \$2 100   |
| Curriculum Policy   | OEY Initiatives promotions, including National and State Youth Weeks.  | \$34 200  |
|   | Early Years Strategy information brochure publication and distribution.  | \$10 000  |
|   | PE Week promotion of physical activity.  | \$14 000  |
| Partnerships 21   | Australian Festival for Young People celebrating youth arts.   | \$5 900   |
|   | Partnerships 21 TAKE UP book and overview brochures (translated into 13 languages), information packages, advertising, information brochures.    | \$436 000   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>\$1 407 100</b>  |
| Education Adelaide<br>(Generic Marketing and Promotions)<br>(Regional Specific Campaigns) | Includes website management, brochure development, video production, advertising, banners, display system, freight, postage, printing etc.       | \$516,340   |
|   | Marketing and promotions in major Asian markets for international education (Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, India, China)               | \$1,120,956   |
| Planning Committee for Non-Government Schools   | Seminar advertising the planning of new or significantly changed non-government schools.   | \$495   |
|   | Advertising deadline for submitting applications for State funding to support new or changed non-government schools planned to commence in 2002. | \$495   |
| Construction Industry Training Board  | Promotion to maximise compliance with the requirement to pay the CITF Levy.  | \$35,000  |
|   | Promotion to increase the numbers of workers accessing CITB funded training and encourage an uptake in training.                                 | \$150,000   |
|   | Promotion of CITB Doorways2Construction VET in Schools Program   | \$65,000  |

## TAFE Institutes

These year-to-date figures are effective from 1 July 1999 to 27 June 2000.

|                          | Advertising and<br>Promotion Expenditure |
|--------------------------|--|
| TAFE Institute           |  |
| Adelaide Institute       | \$273 515                                |
| Onkaparinga Institute    | \$166 752                                |
| Spencer Institute        | \$148 945                                |
| Torrens Valley Institute | \$160 234                                |
| Murray Institute         | \$97 771                                 |
| Douglas Mawson Institute | \$193 416                                |
| Regency Institute        | \$390 242                                |
| South-East Institute     | \$49 400                                 |
| TAFE SA Services         | \$39 869                                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$1 520 146</b>                       |

The TAFE total includes recruitment advertising and other non-promotional advertising and printing.

### Minister for Human Services, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for the Ageing

#### FUNDING—FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND LOW INCOME SUPPORT

In reply to **Mr McEWEN**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** Ministerial approval of triennial funding was given on 8 June 2000 for all four services provided by Anglican Community Care under the Family and Community Development Program to 30 June 2003, at current funding levels.

Correspondence from the Minister confirming this extension has recently been forwarded to all funded agencies including Anglican Community Care.

In January 1999 the Minister gave a commitment to all agencies funded under the Family and Community Development Program that annual funding indexation increases would be provided in 1999-2000 and subsequent years.

The exact percentage increase to be provided for 2000-2001 is presently being assessed by the Department of Human Services in

the context of available funds and commitments to all Community Services Programs. Anglican Community Care will be notified of the exact percentage increase for indexation in the near future.

#### HERBAL CIGARETTES/SIGNAGE

In reply to **Mrs GERAGHTY**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** The legal sign relating to the Sale of Prescribed Products Designed for Smoking has been printed and is about to be distributed. The sign will be distributed to health food shops, tobacco retailers and shops that sell smoking accessories to young people. The Department of Human Services is awaiting a full address list for South Australia from the distributor and has negotiated for the distribution of some signs through this agent.

#### TRIAL OF RETRACTABLE SYRINGES

In reply to **Mrs GERAGHTY**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** I have been pursuing the development of viable, cost effective, retractable, single use needles and syringes for some time. Following the release of the recommendations of the review of SA's Needle and Syringe Program earlier this year, I wrote to the Commonwealth Minister for Health and Aged Care in March, seeking his assistance in developing the proposal for a retractable needle and syringe for injecting drug users at a national level. I indicated that SA would be willing to contribute funds if other States and Territories were prepared to do the same. The Commonwealth Minister for Health and Aged Care replied to me on 4 May indicating that essential prerequisites for the development of a retractable needle and syringe for use by injecting drug users would be the support of the Australian National Council on AIDS Hepatitis C and Related Diseases (ANCAHRD), the Intergovernmental Committee on AIDS, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases (IGCAHRD), the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD) and the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD).

The consultation process to obtain that support is well advanced. The matter will be discussed at the meeting of the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy on 13 July 2000. The Drug and Alcohol Services Council and the Department of Human Services have assisted in preparing a background paper for that meeting in conjunction with Queensland Health.

#### NUMBERS OF USERS AND ADDICTS

In reply to **the ACTING CHAIRMAN**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:**

| Question   | Year        |       |                   |
|--|-------------|-------|-------------------|
|  | 1979        | 1989  | 1999              |
| 1 Occasional users (approx)  | Unavailable | 4,700 | 11,000            |
| Dependent users (approx)   | Unavailable | 2,000 | 5,000             |
| 2 Fatal Overdoses  | 5           | 8     | Not yet available |
| 3 Deaths from disease transmitted by injecting drug use (HIV only) | Unavailable | 2     | 2                 |
| 4 Seeking treatment or rehabilitation for injecting drug use       | Unavailable | 347   | 1,985             |

#### DISTRIBUTION OF 'PARTY PACKS'

In reply to **the ACTING CHAIRMAN**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:**

| Question   | Year  |
|--|-------|
|  | 1992  |
| 1 Occasional users (approx)  | 7 750 |
| Dependent users (approx)   | 3 300 |
| 2 Fatal Overdoses  | 28    |
| 3 Deaths from disease transmitted by injecting drug use (HIV only) | 4     |
| 4 Seeking treatment or rehabilitation for injecting drug use       | 772   |

#### INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSE

In reply to **the ACTING CHAIRMAN**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** The following studies provide evidence there is no association between needle and syringe programs and an increase in the prevalence of injecting drug use. These studies provide the basis for the rationale that the availability of clean

needles does not result in an increase in the use of intravenous drugs by drug users.

- Watters, J.K., Estilo, M.J., Clark, G.L. & Lovick, J. (1994) Syringes and needle exchange as HIV/AIDS prevention for injection drug users. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 271, 115-120
- Guydish, J., Burcardo, J., Young, M., Woods, W., Grinstead, O. & Clark, W. (1993) Evaluating needle exchange: Are there negative effects? *AIDS*, 7, 871-876.
- MacDonald, M., Wodak, A.D., Dolan, Van Beek, Cunningham, Kaldor J. (submitted). HCV antibody prevalence among injecting drug users at selected needle and syringe programs in Australia, 1995-1997.
- Heimer, R. (1997) Needle exchange as a conduit to drug treatment. *International Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 14(5):1-9
- Paone, D., Des Jarlais, D.C., Caloir, S., Freedman, P., Ness, I. & Freidman, S.R. (1994) New York City syringe exchange: An overview. In: *Proceedings of the Workshop on Needle Exchange and Bleach Distribution Programs*, pp. 47-63. Washington: National Academy Press.

## TOBACCO SMOKING

In reply to Ms STEVENS.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** In order to effectively monitor the progress of South Australia's Tobacco Control strategies the Anti-Tobacco Ministerial Advisory Taskforce, in its 18 months of operation, recommended the establishment of the Tobacco Control Research and Evaluation Unit which became fully operational late in 1999.

Terms of reference have been agreed for this Unit. The major components will be an on-going monitoring program which will be largely standard in each year and undertaking of relevant research and evaluation of major programs, and other areas, as required.

Benchmarking and monitoring progress has commenced. The most reliable information for benchmarks has been from 1997-98. Progress is being monitored through regular surveying methods e.g. SERCIS and OMNIBUS surveys, in conjunction with focussed surveys for specific programs eg Smoke Free Dining. In this area two reports have been completed by the Tobacco Research and Evaluation Program; Smoke-Free Dining Legislation Evaluation: a community survey 1999 and Smoke-Free Dining Legislation Evaluation: dining venue survey and inspection 1999. Customers are reported to be complying 98 per cent of the time. Prior to the implementation of the Smoke Free Dining legislation, the number of smoke free dining venues was negligible.

Three surveys conducted by Health Promotion SA covering organisations funded by health promotion sponsorship through Arts SA and the Office of Recreation and Sport, show that the provision of smoke free areas has risen from 43 per cent in 1996 to 71 per cent in 1998 and this figure is continuing to rise.

In the first 18 months of the Anti-Tobacco Ministerial Advisory Taskforce a number of initiatives have received funding including:

- QUIT SA including QUITline;
- Tobacco Control Research and Evaluation Unit;
- Aboriginal Health Council—Training and Development of Aboriginal health workers to reduce the level of smoking in communities;
- Youth initiatives;
- 22 Tobacco Control Community Grants;
- Flinders University—To identify best practice strategies for GPs that reduce the uptake of tobacco use amongst non-smokers, and promote cessation amongst smoking patients;
- FMC—To develop systems in hospitals to ensure that smoking cessation becomes an integral part of practice and that all interventions are linked to General Practitioners and other health care providers;
- National Tobacco Campaign;
- WCH—Project to reduce the number of pregnant women who smoke; and
- Child and Youth Health—To reduce smoking among young mums.

The outcomes of these projects and programs will be realised over the next few years and will be supplemented with further funding of projects focussing on reducing the health effects of Environmental Tobacco Smoke, reducing smoking in workplaces and other public places. Evaluation and monitoring will be ongoing and will include the evaluation of each project/program funded.

Initial monitoring of smoking levels in the community has indicated a small reduction, however, it is early days and the results from current initiatives are yet to be felt in the community. This result is expected and in line with our expected progress. The next two years should see the greatest impact of the tobacco control programs in South Australia.

## MENTAL HEALTH

In reply to Ms STEVENS.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** The investigation of requirements and development of services has been the subject of considerable work undertaken at the Women's and Children's Hospital (W&CH).

I have been advised the W&CH, as Stage One in the development of this service, has augmented its Paediatric Emergency Department with the addition of a Mental Health Triage Service from 3 July 2000.

The Service will commence with the provision of a face-to-face and phone triage response to key service providers, such as GPs, and

patients presenting for assessment at the W&CH Paediatric Emergency Department.

The Servicewill operate an after hours service seven days per week through the evenings and overnight and processes are continuing to attract additional suitably qualified and skilled staff to work as part of this new service.

## EXPENDITURE RESULT FOR 1999-2000

In reply to Ms STEVENS.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** The figures contained in the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 Budget at a Glance documents are calculated on a conceptually different basis and to make a direct comparison of the two is incorrect.

The table in the 2000-01 Budget at a Glance presents accrual expenses for each Portfolio. Accrual expenses are based on Australian Accounting Standards in particular AAS 29 Financial Reporting by Government Departments and AAS 31 Financial Reporting by Governments. The table in the 1999-2000 Budget at a Glance presents total outlays by Portfolio. Total outlays are based on a modified Government Financial Statistics (GFS) as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The main differences between the Operating Expense figures and Total Outlays figures can be summarised as follows:

Items included in Operating Expenditure but excluded from Total Outlays:

Depreciation and Amortisation expense

Provision for employee entitlements

Other accrual expenses

Operating expenditure of the SA Housing Trust (except interest payments) which is reported as an offset to receipts on a GFS basis

Items included in Total Outlays but excluded from Operating Expenditure:

Net cash used in investing activities

Sales of goods and services (that are offset against outlays)

Commonwealth Contributions (that are offset against outlays)

As can be seen it is not therefore appropriate to make a direct comparison between numbers calculated and presented on a different conceptual basis.

The correct approach would be to compare the 1999-2000 estimated result and 1999-2000 Budget prepared using the same conceptual basis—i.e. an accruals basis.

This approach shows that the 1999-2000 estimated result was \$167 million higher than the 1999-2000 Budget time estimate. The relevant figures are provided below.

|                                     | \$ m  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1999-2000 Estimated Result Expenses | 2 628 |
| 1999-2000 Budget Expenses           | 2 461 |
| Difference                          | 167   |

The comparative figures and explanations for the variation are included on page 6.44 in the 2000-2001 Portfolio Statements—Budget Paper 4, Volume 2.

## PREVALENCE OF TOBACCO SMOKING

In reply to Ms STEVENS.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** At the time of the commencement of the Anti-Tobacco Ministerial Advisory Taskforce, the agreed smoking prevalence rate in South Australia was 27.2 per cent (Aged Standardised so that meaningful comparisons across years can be made and that changes in the demographics of the population do not distort findings).

A survey conducted in spring 1999 showed that the adjusted smoking prevalence in South Australia was 26.2 per cent. The raw data show that 25.6 per cent of South Australians currently smoke. Longitudinal studies show that smoking prevalence in South Australia has declined since 1981 but began to plateau around 1990 with that trend continuing through the 1990s. It is now looking as though smoking has started to trend downwards again, for both men and women. The trend for men appears to have a more pronounced decline than the trend for women although smoking prevalence continues to be higher among men than women.

We believe that we are on track to meeting the commitment over a five year period. The first 18 months of the Taskforce has involved planning and setting the tobacco control agenda for the term of the five years. We did not anticipate a major decrease in that period, although we are seeing the start of a decreasing trend again. The results over the next two to three years will start to show, we believe,

a real decline. Indicators are present that most South Australian smokers want to quit, with the majority of smokers having attempted to quit once and almost half of smokers seriously considering quitting within the next six months. These indicators are very positive.

### ALTERNATIVE CARE

In reply to **Ms STEVENS**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** SA in line with the reporting requirements of Productivity Commission provides data on placement stability in out of home care. This is outlined in the out of home care effectiveness indicators—service quality, care situations per child.

In order to gain an understanding of placement stability, a calculation is made of the percentage of children who have had three placements or less over a 12 month period. For the time period indicated, 77 per cent of children leaving care during that 12 months had three placements or less. The reason the two indicators are together is to define the time frame in which placement stability will be measured within.

The 1025 figure refers to the number of children in alternative care at 30 June 2000. The number of children in foster care varies because many children enter care for a short period of time, due to a family crisis, while other children remain in foster care for a significant period of time because of their parents' inability to provide a safe environment.

At June 1999 the number of children with two or more placements was 1071. The average number of placements per child was 3.1. The Productivity Commission Report Table 14A 42 provides information on the number of care situations per child who exited out of home care in 1998-99. These figures indicate the number of children exiting care in less than 12 months who had less than three care situations was 158. That equates to 77 per cent.

Children who had more placements than three placements would include, children who were receiving planned respite care, children who have had planned and unplanned placement changes, and children who returned home and re entered care.

### TREATMENT OF YOUNG PATIENTS AT GLENSIDE HOSPITAL

In reply to **Ms STEVENS**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** I have been advised that there is no record of any detailed incident reports on the number of young people held in Brentwood, going missing at Glenside Campus of the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH). Some two months ago four completed 'Hazard' forms on the subject were inadvertently misplaced when correct procedure was not followed. This issue was raised at the Occupational Health and Safety committee and as a result the process for reporting hazards has been rectified and these hazard forms have been processed accordingly.

### CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION OF EACH OF THE MAJOR METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS

In reply to **Ms STEVENS**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** The following provides the final (un-audited) cash outcome for the metropolitan hospitals for 1999-2000. These figures exclude any debt from previous years.

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Unit                          | \$'000    |
| Flinders Medical Centre       | (\$740)   |
| Lyell McEwin Health Service   | (\$1 858) |
| The Queen Elizabeth Hospital  | (\$1 269) |
| Repatriation General Hospital | (\$373)   |
| Royal Adelaide Hospital       | \$856     |
| Women's & Children's Hospital | (\$1 735) |
| Noarlunga Health Service      | (\$269)   |
| Total                         | (\$5 388) |

### ALTERNATIVE CARE—PERFORMANCE OF ANGLICARE

In reply to **Ms STEVENS**.

**The Hon. DEAN BROWN:** No benchmark indicators were available for the first funding period of the Alternative Care contract. This was because of:

- complexity of measuring performance in this area;

- the recommendation from the Flinders Institute of Public Policy and Management, contracted by the Department of Human Services to provide advice regarding performance measurement for Alternative Care services, to allow a period of data collection prior to developing such benchmarks; and

- difficulties in establishing uniform and effective data collection processes across FAYS and contracted agencies in the initial stages of the Alternative Care restructure implementation.

Despite delays in developing benchmarks internal evaluation processes were put in place to monitor the performance of contracted agencies and the system in general. These included:

- Departmental monitoring of the system's effectiveness in relation to outcomes for children and families as well as service delivery;
- review of performance of contracted agencies in relation to contract requirements; and
- undertaking a joint research project with the Flinders University of SA focusing on outcomes for children in care.

### Minister for Government Enterprises, Minister for Information Economy, Minister for Administrative and Information Services and Minister for Workplace Relations

### HAWKER WATER SUPPLY—POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER DESALINATION PLANT

In reply to **Hon. G.M. GUNN**.

**The Hon. M.H. ARMITAGE:** The township of Hawker is supplied with water that is sourced from two bores adjacent to the town. The raw water has a salinity of approximately 2 500mg/L and also has intermittent microbiological contamination.

The salinity affects the aesthetic quality of the water while the microbiological contamination is a health related water quality parameter. Priority has been given to ensuring satisfactory microbiological water quality supplied to the town.

In early 1999, a chlorination and iron removal facility was installed at the Hawker bores and this controls the microbiological quality and the incidence of dirty water complaints due to elevated concentrations of naturally occurring iron in the water. At this stage, there are no plans to improve the aesthetic quality of the water beyond this new facility.

One customer report was received recently of sand in the Hawker water supply. However, testing by SA Water as a result of that approach found no evidence of sand particles in the mains water.

### SA WATER LOUNGE SUITE

In reply to **Mr FOLEY**.

**The Hon. M.H. ARMITAGE:** SA Water ordered a lounge suite from David Jones at a cost of \$6 984. This price excludes GST which will be payable but fully claimed back as an input tax credit.

The leather lounge suite consists of a three-seater sofa, three chairs and six cushions. These items are of commercial, not domestic, grade standard and, accordingly, are more expensive to purchase.

The suite provides seating for six people to a standard appropriate to visiting dignitaries to the SA Water Executive area where it will be located in the visitors' reception area.

### BARCOO OUTLET

In reply to **Ms THOMPSON**.

**The Hon. M.H. ARMITAGE:** The Fourth Amendment to the Assessment Report for the Environmental Impact Statement (as amended) for the Glenelg Foreshore and Environs—Barcoo Outlet Proposal formed the basis of development approval for the project. The Fourth Amendment contained some 30 recommendations, many of which were included as conditions of development approval.

Ms Thompson also made reference to the Senate Committee report into Gulf St Vincent. However, that report contained no recommendation or criticism regarding the Patawalonga Seawater Circulation and Stormwater Outlet (Barcoo Outlet).

The recommendations contained in the Fourth Amendment and comment on each follow.

- A long-term sampling program to determine sediment movement within the catchment (especially the finer fractions that carry the

majority of pollutants), as recommended by the Australian Water Quality Centre (1999), should be prepared and implemented. In addition, the current ambient and composite monitoring programs should be continued to monitor changes in water quality as improvements are made in the catchment. In particular, the effectiveness of works to capture and remove fine sediment and organic matter should continue to be measured.

The matter of more extensive sediment monitoring will be considered in the new comprehensive catchment plan. The new draft Australian Water Quality Guidelines place more emphasis on sediment monitoring as well.

The ambient and composite programs will continue, but based on the findings to date the program will be modified as necessary to obtain additional data.

The effectiveness of works to capture and remove fine sediment and organic matter is being evaluated and will continue to be measured.

The quantity and composition of sediments in the lower reaches of the catchment needs to be further investigated in order to assess their long-term remobilisation potential and likely impacts on water quality. If remobilisation is identified as a problem, satisfactory management should be undertaken.

This will be considered in the Patawalonga Catchment Water Management Board's monitoring program.

The PCWMB should prepare an EMP for Weir No. 1 basin, that is similar to the proposed EMP for the Weir No 2 basin, so that maintenance and monitoring requirements are addressed for these freshwater water bodies in a coordinated manner.

The Major Projects Group will initiate coordination with the Patawalonga Catchment Water Management Board.

The installation of further silt traps/basins within the catchment and the construction of proposed wetlands at Oaklands Park and the Morphettville Racecourse should be undertaken as a matter of priority to ensure predicted improvements to water quality are achieved by the time the Outlet is commissioned.

The new comprehensive catchment management plan is evaluating the pollutant reductions achieved to date with the current works program, and further reductions that will occur as the program is fully implemented. Based on the findings of the plan, locations where further silt traps/basins will be beneficial are to be identified.

The wetland projects have been concept designed and are on the Board's program. It is unlikely that both projects will be delivered and operational prior to the construction of the Barcoo outlet.

#### Heathfield WWTP

Further monitoring sites should be established between the Heathfield WWTP and downstream at the confluence of Sturt and Minno Creek (at least until SA Water begins to monitor again both chemical composition and macroinvertebrates) to gain a better understanding of the impact of the plant, as recommended by the Australian Water Quality Centre (1999). This data could then be used to determine the level of nutrient reduction required for the protection of the Sturt Creek and the Gulf as part of a proposed Environment Improvement Program.

The extent of potential remobilisation and the resuspension and transport of assimilated nutrients and pollutants within the stretch of the Sturt Creek affected by discharges from the WWTP, should be further investigated.

The level of improvement for discharges from the WWTP required to minimise the eventual impacts on the Gulf should be resolved as a matter of priority by the State government (ie. as part of the proposed EIP), especially given the anticipated doubling of load on the Plant in the future.

SA Water is currently investigating options to minimise impacts on both the riverine and marine environments, with an emphasis on nutrient reduction as recommended in an Environment Improvement Program (EIP) for the Heathfield Waste Water Treatment Plant developed in conjunction with the Environment Protection Authority.

In addition it is to be noted that the PCWMB has undertaken detailed studies of the discharge, which were not referred to in the AWQC (1999) report.

With respect to remobilisation and resuspension, refer Dot Points 1 and 2 above.

#### Patawalonga Creek/Airport Drain Catchment

The potential impact of increased flows and sources of sediment from the Patawalonga Creek and Airport catchments on the operation of the Outlet should be further addressed to identify

suitable measures to reduce volumes and remove pollutants. This should be granted priority status, given that the effectiveness of the diversion relies upon total inflows being limited to 9.5 cumecs. The implications of this, especially in terms of local flooding potential, have not been fully resolved. The design of the syphon structure should ensure that adequate capacity is provided to manage any additional flows to those predicted so as to not cause flooding problems.

A major design objective is to ensure that the flood protection afforded by the present Patawalonga and Glenelg Barrage Gates system is not compromised.

An inverted siphon structure with a 19 cumecs capacity will allow flows from Patawalonga Creek and Airport Drain to bypass the outlet system and enter the Patawalonga Basin if necessary.

#### Construction Impacts

- EPA licences should be obtained for any prescribed construction works and activities, which should also be undertaken in accordance with a Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan and appropriate management practices in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry (1999).

- Any acid sulphate soils or pockets of buried waste encountered during earthworks should be managed in accordance with a process agreed with the EPA.

- The potential use of the existing silt ponds at the intersection of Tapleys Hill and West Beach Road for the disposal of any waste materials should be further investigated during the detailed design stage to ensure plans by the City of West Torrens to rehabilitate the site into a stormwater detention basin in this vicinity are not compromised. This should be resolved in consultation with the Council and Adelaide Airport Ltd as a matter of priority, given that the basin would be used to manage flows from the Patawalonga Creek and Airport catchments.

- Consultation should be undertaken with the Department of Industry and Trade, the West Beach Trust and the City of West Torrens in order to avoid any potential disruption to the planned construction of a skating/BMX facility south of Africaine Road.

- The proposed landscaping plan should also include the works at the northern reach of the Patawalonga and on the golf course land and be prepared in consultation with the West Beach Trust, Adelaide Airport Ltd, City of Holdfast Bay and the City of West Torrens.

- The rehabilitation plan for the section of the coastal dune affected by the proposal should be prepared to the satisfaction of the EPA and in consultation with the Coast Protection Board, as part of an EMP for the construction stage. A potential opportunity could arise for revegetation of the whole dune system (ie from Barcoo Road to Anderson Avenue) in order to improve its overall ecological and amenity value. This should be considered as an extension of the rehabilitation plan for the proposed works on the coast. Opportunities for community involvement and/or seeking additional funding (e.g., from the Commonwealth Coast and Clean Seas Program) should also be investigated.

- The reinstatement of the seawall along the section of the coastal dune affected by the proposal should be to current design standards, in accordance with the requirements of the Coast Protection Board.

The Design Construct Operate contractor will have the responsibility to prepare an Environmental Management Plan for construction which together with final design plans will address all of the points outlined in the recommendations.

#### Environmental Management Plans (EMP)

##### Patawalonga Lake

- The EMP should consider the management of the impacts of influxes of large quantities of freshwater on the biology and aesthetics of the Lake, after large flow events. The collection of mussels not suitable for human consumption should also be controlled.

- The proposed monitoring program should include sampling for water quality, sediment and bio-chemical processes.

- The impact on water quality from stormwater flows generated by the local catchment should be monitored and should include strategies for progressively reducing the volume of discharges, if necessary. Monitoring of local drainage impacts should be undertaken to determine whether further engineering works are required in the future. The City of Holdfast Bay and the PCWMB should be consulted for advice on measures to improve the local catchment.

- The City of Holdfast Bay Patawalonga Usage Policy should be considered during the preparation of the EMP.

The DCO contractor will prepare an EMP for the Lake. It will address all of the points raised in the recommendations.

#### Barcoo Outlet and Weir No. 2 Basin

- The EMP for the Weir No 2 Basin should include monitoring of water quality and sediment accumulation to determine whether the aerators are needed in the future. The PCWMB should be consulted on this matter.
- Monitoring of water quality and sediments should be undertaken within each waterbody to measure potential threats to health/amenity and the composition of pollutant loads (including the potential for remobilisation). Any such monitoring should be integrated with that conducted by the PCWMB as part of a whole of catchment approach.

Monitoring of water quality and sediment will be an integral part of the total catchment monitoring program, undertaken by the PCWMB.

- The impact of stormwater flows from the Patawalonga Creek/Airport Drain Catchment should also be considered. Strategies for reducing the volume of discharges into the Weir No 2 Basin (and potentially the Patawalonga lake) should be prepared in consultation with the City of West Torrens, Adelaide Airport Ltd and the PCWMB (ie. for advice on measures to improve these sub-catchments).

The impact of stormwater flows from the Patawalonga Creek/Airport Drain Catchments has already been considered.

The City of West Torrens in collaboration with State government Agencies is leading these strategies. More than \$0.5m in funding for investigations and some initial capital works has so far been made available to the City of West Torrens from the Catchment Subsidy Scheme.

#### Buried Duct under the Coastal Dune and Beach

- The EMP should be prepared in consultation with the Coast Protection Board (and the Local Government Advisory Group on sand management at Glenelg and West Beach) in regard to sand management, minimising impacts on the beach and seabed, landscaping of the coastal dune, sea level rise implications and monitoring.

These matters are being addressed in the Construction EMP, Management, Maintenance and Monitoring

- Tenure arrangements, including Native Title requirements, should be finalised prior to construction commencing.

These matters are being finalised by the Major Projects Group.

- The proposed monitoring program for the long term operation of the outlet should address water quality and amenity associated with the beaches adjacent to the stormwater outfall, particularly during/after storm events following an extended dry period. It should measure the impact of freshwater discharges, including the behaviour of sediment, nutrients, organic matter, heavy metals and other pollutants on marine ecosystems (esp. seagrass communities) and public health. High priority should be given to the implementation of the monitoring program to enable the collection of baseline data, prior to commissioning the Outlet.

A monitoring program for the marine environment, addressing all of the points raised is to be prepared by the DCO contractor. This will be prepared in consultation with SARDI, EPA and others.

- Contingencies based on future predictions for sea level rise may need to be prepared in the future to address potential long-term flooding concerns. The Coast Protection Board should be consulted in regard to the actual level of predicted rise at such time.

In terms of potential sea level rise, the design is based on a future 300mm sea level rise plus storm surge of 200mm.

- A single government Agency should become the final owner of the proposed development to ensure new and existing infrastructure is managed as an integrated system under the control of a single entity. The Minister for Environment and Heritage should nominate the agency responsible for management, maintenance and monitoring matters.
- Long-term responsibilities for managing the lock/barrage structure flood control gates, as an integral part of the seawater flushing system, should be determined. The same body responsible for the management of the Barcoo Outlet should be given responsibility for the management of the Patawalonga Lake, especially the control of the flushing system.

Ownership and responsibility for the Barcoo Outlet works, together with the Glenelg Barrage gates, will transfer to the Minister for Water Resources upon practical completion.

#### Stormwater Diversion

- The implementation of works to further reduce levels of sediment (especially fine fractions) and organic matter at the end of the catchment (and to a lesser degree, supplemented by works in the remainder of the catchment to enable the progressive removal of silt, nutrients and other pollutants), should be pursued as a matter of priority.

The implementation of works to reduce further the levels of sediment (especially the fine fractions) and organic matter have a high priority in the Patawalonga Catchment Water Management Plan, as indicated by the development of design plans for the Morphettville and Oaklands Park Wetlands, the enlargement of the Brownhill Creek Sedimentation Basin near Adelaide Airport, and the implementation and success of the Local Government Street Sweep program.

- Further consideration should be given to undertaking consultation with Adelaide Airport Ltd in regard to the potential construction of a wetland detention system on Adelaide Airport land.

Concept plans for the development of a wetland on Adelaide Airport Ltd land adjacent to the Patawalonga Creek are well advanced. The land is non-operational land west of Tapleys Hill Road. These plans are related to the work being led by the City of West Torrens, as discussed above.

- A commitment should be made by the PCWMB to maintaining water quality improvement devices within the Patawalonga Catchment to ensure they operate at maximum efficiency for removing sediment and pollutants.

This is already part of the Board's program. However, local councils are expected to be involved in the ownership and maintenance of infrastructure.

- The discharge from the Heathfield WWTP being reduced to levels that do not adversely affect the quality of flows that eventually reach the end of the catchment.

Refer Heathfield WWTP section above.

- Further monitoring (and reporting) of the Patawalonga Catchment to measure the level of water quality improvements being made (especially as predicted).

The Board's current water quality monitoring network is quite extensive. Results to date are still being assessed but will be presented soon. The new comprehensive management plan will address monitoring needs.

- The establishment of a detailed monitoring program to measure the impact of the discharge on water quality and substrates in the vicinity of the Outlet and the subsequent effect on beaches, the SARDI intake and marine ecosystems.

Refer Management, Maintenance and Monitoring section above.

#### GOVERNMENT RADIO NETWORK

In reply to **Mr CONLON.**

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** 'The Attorney-General's Department advises that 'contracts' referred to in its Budget Paper relates to the Computer Aided Dispatch project only. I am advised that the Computer Aided Dispatch project is currently going through a review of scope and the final direction has yet to be decided.

The 'costings' referred to in the schedule of fees are for the SA Government Radio Network. These fees were in the process of being determined when the budget papers were being developed. I have been advised that the costings have been finalised, and a contribution of \$13 million has been made by the Community Emergency Service Fund Manager to the project. This amount is consistent with that previously factored into the 2000-01 budget.

These monies represent an appropriate contribution from the Community Emergency Service Fund towards the costs of establishing, operating and maintaining the SA Government Radio Network for emergency services. The Community Emergency Services Fund Manager has deemed this contribution to be appropriate under the relevant legislation. I understand that advice from the Crown Solicitor's Office to the Attorney-General's Department has also confirmed this payment to be appropriate.'

### FLEET RENEWAL & MANUFACTURERS

In reply to **Mr FOLEY**.

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** Fleet SA had 5 389 passenger type vehicles in the Government fleet as at end of May 2000 (the rest being commercial vehicles). These passenger vehicles comprised:

|             |       |        |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| Mitsubishi  | 1 536 | 28.5%  |
| Toyota      | 723   | 13.4%  |
| Ford        | 432   | 8.0%   |
| GMH product | 2 698 | 50.1%  |
|             | 5 389 | 100.0% |

The actual ratio of each manufacturers product does fluctuate from time to time. The number of each model bought is dependent on the total cost of ownership of that model and this cost varies over time and with the specification of the vehicle. For example, the purchase and selling price of the Holden VT has made it a cost effective vehicle for the Government to own and this helps account for the high proportion of Holden vehicles.

### AIR BAGS IN FLEET SA SEDANS

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

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** There have been a number of recent initiatives by manufacturers to increase safety within their vehicles.

These initiatives include progressive crumple rates, traction control, ABS, side intrusion bars and air bags (driver and passenger).

New features of any kind usually appear on the very upmarket vehicles in the first instance and then, as there is public acceptance of both the initiative and the associated costs, the features filter down into base models.

Airbags are a supplementary restraint system. Seat belts are the primary restraint and significant work has been undertaken to improve this restraint. The latest safety feature available on most base models is seat belt pretensioners, a pyrotechnic device that retracts the slack out of a seat belt in the event of an accident. (Note: they work in conjunction with the air bag where the impact of a collision is great enough to deploy them).

Base model vehicles being purchased by Government (namely Australian made vehicles) are all slowly moving to have a driver side air bag as a standard fitment. Holden has a driver side air bag as standard fitment in their base model. Ford has already made dual air bags standard in their base model Ford Falcon AUII and I understand that Mitsubishi intend to have a driver side air bag as standard in their new model.

On the basis of current purchasing arrangements Fleet SA estimate that all passenger vehicles within the fleet will be equipped with passenger side airbags by December 2001.

### FLEET SA VEHICLES USED TO CONVEY COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** Government vehicles are, on an ongoing basis, used to promote issues within the community.

One example addressed the need for businesses and individuals to plan to mitigate the impacts of Y2K related problems. A sticker stating 'Millennium Bug—It will affect you – call 1800 11 2000' was placed on all Government vehicles to heighten public awareness of the issue. More recently, some Government vehicles have been displaying the 'Save the Murray' stickers.

The CFS has used their vehicles to promote fire safety through their 'Wildfire' stickers. Other stickers placed on vehicles include the CFS 'Professionals Protecting our Community' and SES 'Being Prepared'.

There has been other short term promotions such as 'Measles Awareness' on Child and Youth Health agency vehicles.

Generally agencies do not have specific policies in relation to placement of stickers on their vehicles. A number of agencies have requested that they not have stickers to identify their vehicles because of the nature of their business. However, they will assess each request on a case by case basis as to the suitability of the message to ensure it does not conflict with their service delivery.

Agencies have been informed that stickers should not be of a political nature and should not advertise or promote a private sector organisation where probity could be an issue. Stickers also should be magnetic or low adhesive if they are going to be placed on the paintwork of the vehicle, to minimise any damage to the paintwork.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY PROSECUTIONS

In reply to **Ms KEY**.

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** Occupational Health and Safety Inspectors and Workplace Relations Safety Inspectors are appointed under and exercise the powers identified in the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986 and Industrial and Employee Relations Act 1994 respectively. As inspectors are employed pursuant to the Public Sector Management Act 1995, they are subject to directions from DAIS management. This power of direction is appropriate to ensure that cases are comprehensively managed and that resources are allocated to ensure effective achievement of the inspectorate's task.

To provide consistency for Inspectors, an OHS Investigation and Compliance Manual was issued in 1994. There has been significant progress with improved manuals released in 1997 and 1999. With regard to the oversight of the actions by inspectors, the Manual clearly identifies the process for management review.

Progress is also being made on the development of a Compliance and Prosecution Manual for Workplace Relations Inspectors.

### NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY REVIEW— OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ACT 1986

In reply to **Ms KEY**.

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** The document 'Review of Legislation which Restricts Competition: Guidelines for Ministers' states that in order 'to protect against possible conflicts of interest, statutory authorities and Government Business Enterprises (GBEs) should not be given responsibility for reviewing legislation'<sup>1</sup>. Given that the WorkCover Corporation is a statutory authority and it has administrative responsibility for the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986 (the OHS Act), it has not been charged with the responsibility for conducting the National Competition Policy (NCP) review of the OHS Act. Responsibility for the conduct of this review has been charged to the Workplace Relations Policy Division of the Department for Administrative and Information Services (DAIS). Similarly, the NCP review of the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986, which is also administered by the WorkCover Corporation, has been conducted by an external agency, the Office for Government Enterprises of DAIS.

The Workplace Relations Policy Division is in an ideal position to undertake the review of the OHS Act, as it has had considerable experience in conducting other NCP reviews including the:

- Employment Agents Registration Act 1993;
- Petroleum Products Regulation Act 1995; and
- Shop Trading Hours Act 1977.

The Micro Economic Reform Branch of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet is charged with the responsibility for overseeing and examining the reviews that are conducted by other departments. The Micro Economic Reform Branch will ensure that the NCP review of the OHS Act being conducted by the Workplace Relations Policy Division meets clause 5 of the Competition Principles Agreement<sup>2</sup>. This clause requires that there is an effective cost and benefit analysis of the restrictions to competition that may be contained within the legislation.

The Workplace Relations Policy Division will conduct the review to ensure that the cost/benefit analysis of any restrictions on competition that exist within the OHS Act, is based upon the submissions received by the review. The Workplace Relations Policy Division will also take into account any relevant quantitative or qualitative analysis that the review is aware of. As required by clause 1(3) of the Competition Principles Agreement, the review will consider, where relevant, the following matters when balancing the benefits against the costs of a particular restriction to competition:

- Ecologically sustainable development;
- Social welfare/equity considerations, including community service obligations;
- Occupational health and safety;
- Industrial relations;
- Access and equity;
- Regional development;
- The interests of consumers generally or a class of consumers;
- The competitiveness of Australian businesses; and
- The efficient allocation of resources.

Given all of these factors, the independence and credibility of the review of the OHS Act by the Workplace Relations Policy Division can be assured.



<sup>1</sup> This document was approved by Cabinet in June 1996 and reaffirmed by Cabinet in May 1997.

<sup>2</sup> A document entered into by South Australia in conjunction with other State and Territory Governments and the Federal Government that sets out South Australia's legislation review obligations.

### JULIA FARR CENTRE

In reply to **Ms STEVENS**.

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** I am advised the Department of Human Services has contacted the complainant on two occasions to pursue the issues that have been raised by the honourable member.

The Chief Executive Officer of Julia Farr Services, and the Chairman of the Board of Julia Farr Services, have been contacted by the Department of Human Services regarding the appointment of an independent investigator/assessor to investigate the complaints. The investigator will have access to all staff to fully understand the facts.

The investigator will begin this process in the week beginning 17 July 2000 and provide a report to the Minister for Disability Services.

### ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES

In reply to **Ms KEY**.

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON:** The South Australian Occupational Health Safety and Welfare (OHS&W) Act 1986 addresses the issue of asbestos management.

In the light of recent national and international developments, I have sought advice from the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Advisory (OHSW) Committee on issues around the adequacy and appropriateness of the current legislation in relation to preventative approaches including licensing and employer obligations. I am also seeking advice on whether the current legislation provides a realistic enforcement option given the issues

associated with long latency diseases including asbestos related diseases.

The Asbestos Advisory Committee has also been asked to consider the issues specifically in relation to asbestos, but to do so in consultation with the OHSW Advisory Committee. I expect the OHSW Advisory Committee, in its role as the peak occupational health and safety advisory body, will consult with the Asbestos Advisory Committee in providing advice on the overall strategy.

With respect to compensation issues, I am advised that occupational exposure to asbestos occurred primarily before the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986 came into operation, and claims are generally expected to be made under the Worker's Compensation Act 1971 (the 1971 Act).

Benefits under the 1971 Act include monetary compensation for income support by way of Weekly Benefits; Lump Sum Benefits under section 70; Weekly Payments—Lump Sum Redemption under section 72; Medical, Hospital and like expenses; payments to dependents under section 49 and Funeral Expenses.

Under the 1971 Act, an employer had the obligation to be fully insured by an insurer through a policy of workers compensation insurance. A policy of workers compensation insurance insured the employer against statutory liabilities under the repealed Act and common law liabilities in respect of injury to their workers.

In cases of insurance company and uninsured employer insolvency, unsatisfied workers compensation liabilities are met by the Statutory Reserve Fund, which is administered by WorkCover Corporation.

In respect to claims made against the Statutory Reserve Fund, the corporation's administration of those claims, particularly those involving an exposure to asbestos, is now proactive and the corporation actively assists workers in the presentation of their claims with the view to achieving a just and speedy resolution.

Benefits under the 1986 Act include Lump Sum for permanent impairment; payment of Medical, Rehabilitation and like expenses; payments to dependents spouses and children and payment of funeral expenses where appropriate.

I anticipate the Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Committee will provide advice on these issues in the near future.