

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

16 to 18 and 21 to 23 June 2004

SURPLUS EMPLOYEES

In reply to various members.

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

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

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

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

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

SA MOTOR SPORT BOARD

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: Under Section 5 of the South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984 the South Australian Motor Sport Board shall consist of not more than nine members appointed by the Governor, of whom two will be persons nominated by the Corporation of the City of Adelaide, one will be a person nominated by the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport and the remainder will be persons nominated by the minister.

All members of the South Australian Motor Sport Board are paid. The payments made to the representatives of the Adelaide City Council are \$9 500pa.

The Adelaide City Council provided sponsorship to the South Australian Motor Sport Board of \$50 000 for the 2004 event.

Currently Adelaide City Council representatives cannot vote in Council on issues relating to the South Australian Motor Sport Board due to both the provisions of the Local Government Act and the potential for conflict of interest.

Currently the contract for the staging of the Clipsal 500 Adelaide expires following the event in 2008. If arrangements can be entered into over the next few years to extend this arrangement with AVESCO into the future, then the constitution of the South Australian Motor Sport Board can be further reviewed by the government.

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The marketing, advertising and media expense detailed in the statement of financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2003 (Auditor General's Report, Pt B, Volume I, Page 182) provides the total marketing, advertising and media spend for both the Clipsal 500 Adelaide and the Coopers Pale Ale Rally SA.

In 2002 the marketing spend comprised:

Clipsal 500 Adelaide	\$1 116 000
Coopers Pale Ale Rally SA	\$270 000
Total marketing, advertising and media spend	\$1 386 000

In 2003 the marketing, advertising and media budget comprised:

Clipsal 500 Adelaide	\$1 134 000
Coopers Pale Ale Rally SA	\$80 000
Total marketing, advertising and media spend	\$1 214 000

It should be noted that the expenditure incurred for the Coopers Pale Ale Rally SA in the 2002 financial year covered the marketing, advertising and media costs for the rallies held in both 2001 and 2002.

The marketing, advertising and media expense for the Clipsal 500 Adelaide increased from \$1 116 000 in 2002 to \$1 134 000 in 2003, a rise of 2 per cent.

INDUSTRY INVESTMENT ATTRACTION FUND

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the Member that the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) will take on the administration of the IIAF in the 2004-05 year. The area within DTF that has been assigned this role is the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA).

The 2004-05 Budget included an amount of \$1.2 million for DTF to perform this function. The funding allocated to DTF across the forward estimates period for this purpose provides for up to 10 personnel of which 5 will be employed on an ongoing basis. The staffing arrangements are yet to be finalised and currently comprise 1 staff member transferred from the former Department for Business Manufacturing and Trade and the use of 4 temporary contractors. Two SAFA staff members are also currently working on this function.

As well as salary costs, the funding would cover associated legal costs, IT costs, internal audit, debt recovery costs and other overheads such as payroll and accommodation expenses.

The decline in the forward estimates expenditure reflects the wind-down of the fund over time and the completion of due diligence and other initial set-up tasks.

PORT RIVER EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that the Treasury and Finance modelling of toll revenue for the Port River Expressway project (Stages 2 & 3), for budgetary purposes, was on the basis of the following year 1 charges:

Cars—\$1.20
 Light Commercial Vehicles—\$3.40
 Heavy Commercial Vehicles—\$5.50
 B-Double—\$11.00
 A-Double—\$11.00
 Trains—\$500.

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I advise the Member that the total budgeted capital cost of the Port River Expressway project (Stages 2 & 3) is \$136 million, comprising a total budgeted capital cost for the Road Bridge (Stage 2) of \$77 million and a total budgeted capital cost for the Rail Bridge (Stage 3) of \$59 million.

SUPERANNUATION, EXPENDITURE

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the Honourable Member that Table 2.6 of Budget Paper 3 includes an adjustment for funded superannuation expenses of \$134 million for Education and \$127 million for Health.

I also provide a breakdown of Table 2.6 that details the superannuation expense adjustment for all functions.

Funded superannuation expenses by function—General
 Government (\$million)

	2004-05
General public services	13
Public order and safety	51
Education	134
Health	127
Social security and welfare	16
Housing and community amenities	10
Recreation and culture	6
Fuel and energy	1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	6
Mining and mineral resources (other than fuels); manufacturing and construction	7
Transport and communication	13
Other economic affairs	6
Other purposes	2
Total funded superannuation expenses	392

DTF WORKFORCE

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that the increase in 84 staff from 2002-03 actual to 2004-05 budget as published on page 3.1 of Volume 1 of the Portfolio Statements for the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) is due to:

· DTF operated at approximately 60 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) lower than budget during the 2002-03 financial year. These vacancies partly reflected difficulty in recruiting suitably skilled candidates to key financial management roles. The main branches under budget were:

- Revenue SA—18 FTEs
- Finance Branch—14 FTEs
- Super SA—13 FTEs
- Microeconomic Reform and Infrastructure Branch—4 FTEs
- Corporate Services—4 FTEs
- Policy Analysis—4 FTEs
- SAFA—3 FTEs

· In addition to these vacancies, there has been a net increase of 24 FTEs from the 2003-04 budget to the 2004-05 budget as a result of a number of initiatives including:

- an increase in Revenue SA of 6 FTEs associated with the development of replacement revenue collection systems.
- an increase in Finance Branch of 10 FTEs for the Financial Management Improvement Initiative.
- an increase in SAFA of 5 FTEs for the Industry Investment Attraction Fund that was previously administered by the Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade.
- an increase in Policy Analysis Branch of 3 FTEs for the Expenditure Review Project.

DTF SAVINGS AND EXPENDITURE INITIATIVES

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the Member that the Department of Treasury and Finance saving strategies were approved

as part of the 2004-05 Budget. The amount of \$679 000 represents savings in administration measures as detailed below:

- \$212 000 in Executive branch for a reduction in an executive position.
- \$88 000 in Project Analysis branch for a reduction in one ASO8 position.
- \$49 000 in Finance branch to be achieved through a range of measures.
- \$121 000 in Revenue SA through a reduction in human resource and information technology support salaries and other administration costs.
- \$52 000 in Corporate Services branch through a reduction in administration costs.
- \$17 000 in Revenue and Economics branch through a reduction in administration costs.
- \$19 000 in Microeconomic and Reform Infrastructure branch through a reduction in administration and salary costs.
- \$10 000 in Policy Analysis branch through a reduction in administration costs.
- \$44 000 in Government Accounting and Reporting branch through a reduction in salary costs through the management of vacancies and minor administrative measures.
- Other smaller measures to create \$67 000 of savings across DTF.

UNFUNDED SUPERANNUATION LIABILITIES

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the Member that, at this time, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) is the only other jurisdiction to revise its discount rate in anticipation of the proposed new accounting standard for employee benefits (AASB 119).

The ACT adopted a 6 per cent discount rate, at the 2004-05 Budget, in line with the 10-year government bond rate. The ACT previously used a 7 per cent discount rate.

All other jurisdictions have advised that they will not be revising their discount rate assumptions with respect to the proposed new accounting standard until the standard has been adopted.

However, Western Australia's discount rate has been aligned with the long-term government bond rate for some time. At the 2004-05 Budget Western Australia's discount rate was also 6 per cent.

The Commonwealth's discount rate assumption, of 3.5 per cent plus expected inflation, is also consistent with a government bond rate of 6 per cent.

DTF ACCOMMODATION, STATE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that the figures published in the 2003-04 Budget Statement—Budget Paper 3 refer to savings initiatives in accommodation costs by consolidating Department of Treasury and Finance accommodation into the State Administration Centre (SAC). The following savings were incorporated into the budget:

- \$250 000 in 2003-04
- \$550 000 ongoing from 2004-05

The savings relate to building lease payments as well as other recurrent accommodation costs such as cleaning and electricity costs. The savings only arise after up-front expenditure on refurbishment and associated costs such as removalists.

In 2003-04 actual accommodation savings of only \$25 000 were achieved by relocating SAICORP into the SAC and ceasing the lease payments that were associated with accommodation in 50 Pirie St, Adelaide. The remainder of the 2003-04 saving target was achieved by other expenditure reduction opportunities that arose within the Department of Treasury and Finance.

The ongoing savings target of \$550 000 per annum will be achieved by further consolidating the department's branches within the SAC including the Revenue SA Compliance Section and through the full year impact of SAICORP's relocation rather than the part year benefit that was realised in 2003-04. The relocations and the associated savings are expected to be implemented by January 2005.

The physical works to date include refurbishment of Level 5 of the SAC from January to March 2004. These works increased the staff capacity on Level 5 by 20 workplaces, to accommodate the relocation of SAICORP. Works are proposed for the ground floor and Levels 1, 2 and 7 in 2004-05 to achieve the savings.

A number of other minor works have occurred in the last two years to accommodation within the SAC to improve the utilisation of some floors. These works primarily occurred on levels 3, 6 and 8.

SAICORP—MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The SAICORP 2003-04 Annual Report will be tabled in the Parliament shortly after 30 September 2004 and will include audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2004.

These statements will contain the outstanding claims liabilities as at 30 June 2004 in regard to medical malpractice claims which are being administered by SAICORP and which will be paid from the South Australian Government Insurance and Risk Management Fund.

It should be noted that the Department of Health is responsible for the administration of smaller medical malpractice claims and is financially liable for those claims and for part of the larger claims administered by SAICORP.

The audited financial statements for the Department of Human Services for the year ended 30 June 2004 will contain estimates of the outstanding liabilities of the Department in regard to medical malpractice claims.

DHS TRANSITION GOVERNANCE TEAM

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY.**

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the member that the DHS Transition Governance team is made up of the following members:

- Robin Michael (Health—Executive Director, Corporate Services)
- Susan Miller (Families and Communities—A/Director, Human Resource)
- Joe Ullianich (Treasury and Finance—Director, Policy Analysis Branch)
- Brendan Hewitt (Health—Director, Planning and Corporate)
- Eric Davies (External Contractor)
- Pam Zervas (External Contractor)
- Mark Priadko (External Contractor)

They report to the Governance Group whose members are Jim Wright (Under Treasurer), Kate Lennon (Chief Executive Officer, Families and Communities) and Jim Birch (Chief Executive Officer, Human Services).

GOVERNMENT CORPORATION LAW COMPANIES

In reply to **Mr GOLDSWORTHY.**

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The following list comprises the Corporations Law companies that the Government had the capacity to control as at 31 May 2004. It does not include companies in which the Government may have a financial interest but has no capacity for control as defined by the Accounting Standards.

- Austraining International Pty Ltd
- Subsidiaries of Funds SA:
 - Carwell Pty Ltd
 - Kantilla Pty Ltd
 - Narana Pty Ltd
 - Pipetch Pty Ltd
- Medvet Science Pty Ltd
- Playford Capital Pty Ltd
- SABB Pty Ltd
- South Australian Film Corporation Productions Ltd
- South Australian Finance (Hong Kong) Ltd
- South Australian Finance Trust Ltd
- Southern Group Insurance Corporation Ltd
- Transmission Leasing Pty Ltd, and
- XTAB Pty Ltd.

Details of board members and their remuneration are provided in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1**SA Government Corporation Law Companies****Austraining International Pty Ltd**

An international consulting project management company of the South Australian Government under DFEEST with its head office in Adelaide and a permanent regional presence in Asia through its subsidiary company PT Austraining Nusantara in Jakarta, Indonesia and a registered company in Papua New Guinea which maintains an office in Port Moresby.

Board Members	Term		Remuneration
	Appointed	Expiry	
Robert Hogarth (Chair)	28 Apr 00	Ongoing	Annual Fee: \$15,000, retainer fee: \$10,000
John Jeffrey Bastian	15 May 01	Ongoing	Annual Fee: \$15,000
Patrick Marwick-Smith	18 February	Ongoing	Annual Fee: Nil

Funds SA's subsidiaries**Carwell Pty Ltd**

Acquired to hold Fund SA's equity interests in a former investment, the now defunct ASER Property Trust. Carwell is currently dormant but has significant carried forward tax losses. It is Fund SA's intention not to wind up the company in the short term in the event that the superannuation funds become taxable in the future.

Richard Smith Ongoing Nil

John Pieto Ongoing Nil

Kantilla Pty Ltd

Acquired to hold Funds SA's interests in a former investment, Orlando Wines MBO (Angasi Pty Ltd). Kantilla is currently dormant with significant carried forward tax losses and unused franking credits. It is Funds SA's intention not to wind up the company in the short term in the event that the superannuation funds become taxable in the future.

Richard Smith Ongoing Nil

John Pieto Ongoing Nil

Narana Pty Ltd

Acquired to hold Funds SA's interests in a former investment, AWA Defence Industries. Narana is currently dormant with significant carried forward tax losses. It is Funds SA's intention not to wind up the company in the short term in the event that superannuation funds become taxable in the future.

Richard Smith Ongoing Nil

John Pieto Ongoing Nil

Pipetch Pty Ltd

Pipetch acts as a trustee company for the SILT Trust, an investment unit trust established to hold Funds SA's interests in a number of service station complexes which it owns and leases to the Shell Company of Australia Ltd, a fully guaranteed subsidiary of Shell Australia Ltd.

Richard Smith Ongoing Nil

John Pieto Ongoing Nil

Medvet Science Pty Ltd

The functions of Medvet Science Pty Ltd are to undertake the commercial exploitation of knowledge acquired by the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science (IMVS), and to produce and sell instruments or other equipment for use in:

- (i) the provision of medical diagnostic services
- (ii) the teaching of medical science, and
- (iii) scientific research.

Kevin F Kelly (Chair) Ongoing \$39 785 p.a.

Prof. Barrie Vernon-Roberts Permanent Nil

Prof. Brendon J Kearney Ongoing Nil

Geoffrey E Coles Notice of resignation \$21 800 p.a.

Karen N Thomas Ongoing Nil

Graham G Spurling Ongoing \$27 250 p.a.

Frances J Guyett Ongoing Executive Director

Playford Capital Pty Ltd

A wholly owned subsidiary of the Information Industries Development centre (Playford Centre) established for the purpose of investing in information and communications technology (ICT) companies.

Ian John Kowalick (Chair) 2/08/02 to 30/06/05 Annual Fee: \$9 500 Ret. Fee: \$7 200

Ross Harding 16/10/02 to 14/09/04 Nil

Virginia Sue Hickey 16/10/02 to 14/09/04 Nil

John Hood 26/07/01 to 14/09/04 Nil

Bruce Malcolm Linn 16/10/02 to 14/09/04 Nil

Margaret Price 16/10/02 to 14/09/04 Nil

Ian James Procter 10/11/02 to 14/09/04 Nil

Peter Williams 9/04/01 to 14/09/04 Nil

SABT Pty Ltd

SABT Pty Ltd was created as an intermediary in the financing

of a series of long-dated promissory notes issued by SAFA which have not matured. Although it remains a registered Australian company, SABB is inactive and has no material assets and did not make any financial distributions in 2003-04. It is expected to be wound up in 2004-05.

Kevin Cantley	31-Aug-95	Ongoing	Nil
Andrew Wilson	14-Mar-00	Ongoing	Nil
Garry Andrew Farrell	31-Jan-00	Ongoing	Nil
Phil Castro	6-Mar-03	Ongoing	Nil

South Australian Film Corporation Productions Ltd

A subsidiary of the South Australian Film Corporation established to facilitate production of films under the South Australian Film Corporation Act 1972 (SA). This allowed for investment by individuals whereby the funds invested formed the production budget with each investor sharing ownership and a proportionate share of Copyright in the film, until the investment was fully recouped from revenues. This position remains unchanged for 3 films made prior to 1990, and although the SAFC is no longer a film producer, it is required to report on the 3 Film Funds in accordance with ASIC requirements.

David Minear (Director)	3-Feb-01	Ongoing	Nil
Ann Walton (Director)	9-Dec-02	Ongoing	Nil
Judith Crombie (Director)	1-May-00	Ongoing	Nil
John Chataway (Director)	19-Feb-04	Ongoing	Nil
Helen Leake (Director)	3-Feb-01	Ongoing	Nil
Pamela Martin (Director)	4-Feb-00	Ongoing	Nil
Kevin Hatswell (Secretary)	4-May-87	Ongoing	Nil

South Australian Finance (Hong Kong) Ltd

Established in 1986 to facilitate the issue of a US denominator Eurobond. The company has not undertaken any external borrowings since July 1987 and will remain in existence until the maturity of the bond in June 2004. This company will be dissolved in 2004-05.

John Brewer	Annual Fee: HK\$ 20 000
James Fulton	Monthly Fee: US\$ 1 500 (includes corporate management services fee as part of contract)

Kevin Cantley	Nil
Andrew Wilson—alternate	Nil

South Australian Finance Trust Ltd

The South Australian Finance Trust Limited (SAFTL) was established in November 1985. Its main functions were to act as Trustee for the South Australian Finance Trust (SAFT) and to participate in certain structured financing transactions. SAFT has since been dissolved and SAFTL will be wound up in 2004-05.

Kevin Cantley (Chair)	27-Oct-94	Ongoing	Nil
Andrew Thompson	26-Dec-98	Ongoing	Nil
David Posaner	21-Mar-00	Ongoing	Nil

Southern Group Insurance Corporation Ltd

Appointed trustee of several trusts formerly administered by Austrust Ltd and Executor Trustee Australia Ltd (subsidiaries of SGIC) by proclamation by the Governor on 29 February 1996. All assets and liabilities of ETA and Austrust were transferred to Southern at that time and it became responsible for bringing all outstanding issues associated with the trusts to finalisation. The finalisation process has been recently completed and Southern is planned to be deregistered in the next few months.

John Hill	Deregistration	Nil
Gino DeGennaro	Deregistration	Nil
Joe Ullianich	Deregistration	Nil

Transmission Leasing Pty Ltd

The principal activity of the Company is as party to a structured financing arrangement in respect of transmission assets owned by the Company's parent entity, Transmission Lessor Corporation. Whilst the structured financing arrangement remains in place it is not expected that the Company will engage in any other activity.

Kevin Cantley	7-Jun-01	Ongoing	Nil
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Brett Rowse	20-Sep-03	Ongoing	Nil
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XTAB Pty Ltd

The former SA TAB Pty Ltd was sold to UNITAB Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of TAB Queensland Ltd) on 14 January 2003. As part of the settlement, the SA TAB Pty Ltd was renamed XTAB Pty Ltd and became a vehicle to wind down assets and liabilities of the business. As at 30 June 2002, there were no assets or liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position of XTAB.

Robert S Ruse (Exec Chair)	15-Aug-01	Ongoing	Nil
Terence Charles Evans	15-Aug-01	Ongoing	Nil
John Thomas Hill	15-Aug-01	Ongoing	Nil

SAFA, LIABILITY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that following the substantial debt retirement resulting from the lease/sale of the state's electricity assets, the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) undertook a major study to consider the most appropriate management framework to apply for the remaining level of general government sector debt.

This was within the requirement that it remained consistent with the government's debt management objective of minimising the long-term average interest cost to the State, subject to acceptable levels of interest rate risk.

The study resulted in the establishment of a new benchmark structure and duration for the state's general government sector debt.

As the general government sector is now expected to move to a net financial asset position over the next few years, the current debt management framework that has been operating successfully will need to be reviewed.

While no work has been undertaken on this review to date, it is a priority for SAFA during the 2004-05 financial year.

SAICORP, RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that no agencies have been exempted from the government's insurance and risk management arrangements since March 2002.

SAICORP, INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that after consideration of a consultancy report from Towers Perrin, an investment strategy was developed by SAICORP, endorsed by the SAICORP Board and approved by the then Treasurer in early July 1999. The strategy was fully implemented during 1999-2000.

The strategy provided for investment in four asset classes:

- Cash—5 per cent
- Australian fixed interest—35 per cent
- Australian equities—30 per cent
- Overseas equities—30 per cent.

All components of the strategy are externally managed through the following investments:

- Cash—in the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) Cash Management Fund;
- Australian fixed interest—with SAFA with a guaranteed return equal to that of the Warburg Dillon Read Australia Composite Bond Index, ex Corporates, All Maturities;
- Australian equities—in the Macquarie Australian Enhanced Equities Fund; and
- Overseas equities—in the Barclays Global Investors World ex-Australia Equity Index Fund.

For the 2001-02 and 2002-03 financial years, the investments performed close to the industry benchmarks. A detailed breakdown is provided in the accompanying table.

	2001-02		2002-03	
	Benchmark	Actual	Benchmark	Actual
Cash (SAFA)	No benchmark applicable			
Australian Fixed Interest (SAFA)	SAFA guarantees the index (benchmark) return			
Australian Equities (Macquarie)	-5.54	-3.88	-1.61	-1.57
Overseas Equities (Barclays)	-23.50	-23.33	-18.54	-18.29

The overseas equities investment was not hedged. The strategy remained unchanged until the 2003-04 financial

year, during which it was reviewed at the request of the SAICORP Board. The review was carried out by SAFA and its recommenda-

tions were endorsed by the SAICORP Board.

The recommended new asset allocation is as follows:

- Cash—5 per cent
- Australian fixed interest—25 per cent
- Inflation linked bonds—5 per cent
- Australian equities—32.5 per cent
- Overseas equities—22.5 per cent
- Listed property trusts—10 per cent.

The new asset classes will be externally managed through the following investments:

- Inflation linked bonds—Credit Suisse Asset Management CSAM Inflation Linked Bond Fund; and
- Listed property trusts—Barclays Global Investors Australian Listed Property Index Fund.

SAFA has recommended that the overseas equities component be 30 per cent—50 per cent hedged over time.

FUNDS SA

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that the performance of Funds SA's 'Balanced' fund has remained in the first or second quartile of industry surveys over 1, 3, 5 and 7 year periods ending 31 March 2004.

The 'Balanced' fund which contains 70 per cent growth assets (shares and property) is the most readily comparable to industry surveys, which cover funds with similar objectives and asset allocations.

A survey was conducted by investment adviser Intech Research Pty Ltd covering 17 major superannuation funds accounting for \$62.3 billion of assets.

The median return from the survey together with Funds SA's balanced return was:

	Periods to 31 March 2004			
	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years
	%	% pa	% pa	% pa
Funds SA	19.2	4.3	6.0	8.6
Intech Median	17.9	3.9	5.4	8.5

Note that the returns (including Funds SA) are shown gross of fees.

NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY PAYMENT

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I can advise the honourable member that in respect of individual penalties incurred in the 2003-04 financial year due to non-completion or non-compliance of competition policy reforms in 2002, these are itemised on page 4.8 of Budget Paper 3 and are as follows:

- Chicken meat industry negotiations—a permanent deduction of 5 per cent (\$2.93 million) of competition payments for 2003-04
- Liquor licensing—a permanent deduction of 5 per cent (\$2.93 million) of competition payments for 2003-04
- Barley marketing—a suspension of 5 per cent (\$2.93 million) of competition payments
- Other compliance failures incurred a suspension of 15 per cent of competition payments.
 - Penalties are not separately identified for each of the items in this pool, but include reforms around the health professions and other occupations, pharmacies, taxis and hire cars, shop trading hours, superannuation, compulsory third party insurance and gambling.

The government recently submitted its annual report to the National Competition Council in respect of progress on competition reform over the course of calendar 2003. The National Competition Council has not yet made its assessment of the state's progress in competition reforms.

MARBLE MINING, LEIGH CREEK AREA

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The marble (dimension stone) deposit is on MC 3176 located 10 kms west of Leigh Creek and accessible via the Aroona Dam road.

MC 3176 covers about 24 hectares and is currently held by Rapid Resources Pty Ltd.

The deposit is a red, fossiliferous marble of Cambrian age named 'Desert Rouge' which is being evaluated for its commercial potential as a dimension stone for overseas markets.

A mining lease application has been lodged but has not been granted because the proponent is still evaluating commercial viability and addressing mining and native title issues.

SAMAG—CLARK AND MARRON REPORT

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The cost of the Clark & Marron consultancy which provided an independent view on several aspects of the SAMAG project re-locating to Queensland, was \$16 710 (incl GST).

The report contains some confidential material that was included for the information of the South Australian Government only and which would not otherwise be publicly available. I am therefore prepared to provide Mr Hamilton-Smith with a full briefing on it.

INDUSTRIAL LAND, OSBORNE AND WINGFIELD

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: Significant work has been conducted on the development of industrial land at Osborne to accommodate the Government's proposed Osborne Maritime Project.

To date, \$72 550 has been spent progressing this development and has included expert analysis and comparative studies of the site, consideration and initial assessment of environmental impact.

The return on this investment is expected to be significant but specific analysis can only be completed once the ship type, combat systems and ship builder have been selected.

With regards to the Wingfield site, \$398 318.47 has been committed to facilitating development of industrial land for foundries.

PIRSA, ACCOMMODATION COSTS

In reply to **Mr VENNING.**

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) programs and services continue to be provided through effective service delivery mechanisms that emanate from 57 locations (44 regional, 10 metropolitan and 3 CBD).

The total cost associated for all sites leased by PIRSA across the state, for the 2003-04 financial year, is in the order of \$4.39 million and is included as part of the PIRSA's total recurrent budget for 2003-04 of \$185.04 million.

The costs associated with providing accommodation to PIRSA staff at 25 Grenfell Street ("Black Stump") for the 2003-04 financial year is \$1.25 million, which equates to 28.55 per cent of the total lease cost and 0.68 per cent of PIRSA's total recurrent budget.

The costs associated with providing accommodation to PIRSA staff at 101 Grenfell Street for the 2003-04 financial year is \$1.75 million, which equates to 39.95 per cent of the total lease cost and 0.95 per cent of PIRSA's total recurrent budget.

EDINBURGH PARKS

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The total area of all stages of Edinburgh Parks from Stage 0 through to Stage 11 is 630 hectares. The \$22.9 million refers to Stages 0, 1 & 3, being the asset that will be transferred from the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) to the Land Management Corporation.

The \$22.9 million is the estimated 'book value' of the DTED assets as advised on 1 July 2004, for stages 0, 1 & 3 and recognises the investment in infrastructure already in place.

RENOVATION COSTS, SOUTH TERRACE OFFICE

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The cost of the fit out works undertaken within the premises located at 145 South Terrace in the second half of 2003 totalled \$303 485.23 made up of \$170 244.76 in building works and \$133 240.47 for the acquisition of new workstation furniture. Since then the workstation furniture has been recovered to be re-used with the department's leased accommodation at 178 North Terrace.

The works were initiated to house staff formally located at the Woodville site of the former Centre for Innovation, Business and Manufacturing prior to the termination of the lease on that building. This move resulted in a direct rental saving of \$190 000 p.a.

Following the subsequent restructure of the Department of Trade & Economic Development it will be possible, following minor

alterations, to accommodate all of the ongoing staff in the department's premises located at Terrace Towers.

SAMAG PROJECT—COST TO GOVERNMENT

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: Some hundreds of thousands of dollars of public funding has been expended on the SAMAG project, both in public servants time and in consultancies, none of which can be recovered.

The expenditure is typical for a potential project of this size and scale, which has evolved over a significant period of time.

A range of 'fee for service' consultancies were undertaken, directly or indirectly related to the project, over the last 5 to 7 years. For example in 2001-02 the government spent \$40 000 looking at the impact of the proposed SAMAG power station on the new electricity market and contractually how to maximise that impact to the benefit of South Australia.

No portion of the Government's previous commitment of \$25 million to the SAMAG project has been expended.

No government funds have been provided directly to the project proponents.

Magnesium International, and its predecessor Pima Mining, advises that it has expended approximately \$50 million on the project, a significant portion of which was in SA.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: I provide the following information in response to your question on Consulting and Contractor expenditure in 2003-04.

For completion I have included information related to the Office of Economic Development as it was amalgamated into the former Department of Business Manufacturing and Trade (DBMT) on 1st December 2003.

Total Consultants	
Department Trade and Economic Development 2003-04 (formerly DBMT)	\$732 608
Office of Economic Development (1 July 2003—30 November 2003)	\$148 597
Total Consultants – 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	\$881 205
Total Contractors	
Department of Trade and Economic Development 2003-04	\$2 623 784
Office of Economic Development (1 July 2003 – 30 November 2003)	\$131 982
Total Contractors – 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	\$2 755 766

Please note the figures supplied are unaudited and exclude goods and services tax.

CONSULTANTS, EXPENDITURE 2003-04

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS.**

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: I provide the following detailed schedule of expenditure on consultants in 2003-04 for the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

For completion I have included information related to the Office of Economic Development as it was amalgamated into the former Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade (DBMT) on 1 December 2003.

Department of Trade and Economic Development			
Name	Cost	Work Undertaken	Method of Appointment
Consultants less than \$5,000	64,964		
Access Economics Pty Ltd	32,836	Demand for industrial land in Adelaide	Limited Competitive Call
Anderson Bryant	34,290	State 500 Feasibility Study	Full public tender
Clark & Marron Pty Ltd	15,191	Cost advice on revised SAMAG project site options	Waive of Competitive Process
Connor Holmes Consulting Pty Ltd	36,591	Industry Study Presentations	Selective Invitation
Connor Holmes Consulting Pty Ltd	5,000	Economic & Spatial Land Use Direction Study	Selective Invitation
Employment Management Advisers Pty Ltd	5,000	Comparative Wages Study	Selective Invitation
EconSearch Pty Ltd	31,350	SA Economic Model	Selective Invitation
Eric Olsen Consulting	10,160	Submission to Commonwealth's Commercial Ready Task Force	Waive of Competitive Process
Gutteridge Haskins & Davey PL	37,600	Shipyards Infrastructure Upgrade Study	Selective Invitation
Hudson Howells	6,000	Sustainable and Distributed Energy Study	Selective Invitation
Hudson Howells	12,500	Analysis of the Defence Market and Defence Expenditure	Limited Competitive Call
KPMG	43,456	Review of Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade	Ministerial Directive
Leadenhall Aust Ltd	14,159	Provision of financial consulting services to the South Australian Gov Steering Committee for the review of the SAMAG project	Waive of Competitive Process
McGregor Tan Research Pty Ltd	27,000	Market Research on Positioning SA	Limited Competitive Call
McLennan Magasanik Associates Pty Ltd	10,000	Gas Supply Options to Supplement Moomba Production	
Parsons Brinkerhoff International	20,210	Traffic Study of GMH Elizabeth	Waive of Competitive Process
Department of Trade and Economic Development			
Name	Cost	Work Undertaken	Method of Appointment
Paul Dibb & Associates Pty Ltd	21,000	Providing Advice with regard to Defence Matters	Ongoing contract
Paul F. Wirth	15,162	Economic Impact of the closure of Mitsubishi's Engine plant at Lonsdale	Direct Negotiations/ Waive of competitive process

SA Centre for Economic Studies	26,199	SA ICT Measurement Study	Limited Competitive Call
Shackleton Management	81,627	Address the formulation of strategies and policies to promote the South Australian defence industries	Direct Negotiations
Simon Stone Family Trust	5,775	Strategic Investment Promotions Strategies	Invited Tender
Strategic Design & Development PL	12,000	Desktop Evaluation of Importers of SA	Waive of competitive process
TEQMan Pty Ltd	14,625	Manufacturing Business Energy Management Study	Selective Tender
The Allen Consulting Group	131,715	Economic Study into the potential impact of the proposed Australia - United States Free Trade Agreement on South Australia	Full public tender
The Strategy Shop	18,199	Studio Infrastructure Feasibility Study	Selective Invitation
Total Consultants - 1/07/03 to 30/06/04	732,608		

Office of Economic Development

Consultants less than \$5,000	1,900		
Simon Stone Family Trust	5,550	Strategic Investment Promotions Strategies	Invited Tenders
Paul Dibb & Associates	16,721	Providing Advice with regard to Defence Matters	Ongoing contract
The Strategy Shop	21,364	(Film) Studio Infrastructure Feasibility Study	Selective Invitation
Belchamber, Grant	32,473	Undertake a Review of the Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade	Ministerial Directive
Shackleton Management	70,590	Address the formulation of strategies and policies to promote the South Australian defence industries	Direct Negotiations
Total Consultants - 1/07/03 to 30/11/03	148,597		

Please note the figures supplied are unaudited and exclude goods and services tax.

The Minerals and Petroleum Group within the Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) have employed 6 consultancies at a cost of \$75k to 31 May 2004. Details of consultancies over \$5,000 are provided in the table below.

Consultant	Purpose	\$'000	Method
Precise International P/L	To undertake a quality review of the Tenement Management System	41	Tender /Expression of Interest
Extractive Industries Assoc SA	Contribution for Golden Grove extractive review conducted by CK Prowse and Associates	14	Tender /Expression of Interest
Marilyn McArthur & Associates	To provide advice on staff, position descriptions etc	14	Quote obtained

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, STAFF

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Premier has provided the following information:

At 30 June 2003, there were 215.3 FTE employees in the Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade and 30 FTE in the Office of Economic Development—a total of 245.3 FTE.

At 30 June 2004, there were 132.8 FTE employees in the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

The estimate for 30 June 2005 is 125 FTE.

MITSUBISHI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Minister for Transport has provided the following information:

It is assumed Mr Hamilton-Smith MP was referring to the Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR), which includes a 2-year research project being done in conjunction with Mitsubishi.

CASR was established by the Rann State Government through a deed signed by the University of Adelaide, the Commissioner of Highways (through the Department of Transport and Urban Planning) and the Motor Accident Commission (MAC).

The government has committed \$1m per annum (CPI indexed) to CASR. These funds are paid by the Motor Accident Commission (MAC) and the Department of Transport and Urban Planning (DTUP), with \$0.5m from each agency.

All committed funds have been provided to CASR to focus on improving safety for all road users by working with local car manufacturers, other universities and government organisations.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS.**

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: Agencies within my portfolio responsibilities utilise the definitions of consultants and contractors as stated in the Department of Treasury and Finance Accounting Policy Statement No. 13 as follows:

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

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

None of the consultants engaged by the Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade and the Office of Economic Development during 2002-03 were classified as contractors in 2003-04.

Over recent years, PIRSA has implemented procedures to manage the use of consultants within the Agency, consistent with the above definitions. As part of the audit of PIRSA's financial statements, the Auditor-General's Department reviews the reporting of contractors and consultants engaged by PIRSA, to ensure appropriate classifications have been used.

SMALL BUSINESS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, FUNDING

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Minister for Industry, Trade

and Regional Development has provided the following list of small business associations, family business associations or export clubs or associations that have received Government funding support of any nature, including sponsorships and project based assistance, during 2003-04.

Organisation	Total \$
Adelaide Central Mission	7 750.00
Adelaide Hills National Health	1 000.00
African Chamber of Commerce SA	7 500.00
Asia-Pacific Business Council for Women Inc	37 000.00
Australian Institute of Management	8 000.00
Australian Interactive Multimedia Association	15 000.00
Australian Manufacturing Workers Union	55 909.08
Business SA	347 500.00
CITCSA	497 900.00
Cooper Pedy Mines Association Inc	50 000.00
Coonawarra Vignerons Association Inc	4 875.00
Defence Teaming Centre	258 500.00
Electronics Industry Assoc	360 000.00
Engineering Employers Association of SA	22 500.00
Engineers Australia	2 000.00
Enterprise Development Inc	24 000.00
Exporters Club	30 000.00
Exporters Club Onkaparinga	15 000.00
Federation of Auto Product Mfrs	3 000.00
French-Australian Business Club of SA Inc	7 500.00
Furnishing Industry Association	24 800.00
German-Austrian Business	55 000.00
Hong Kong Australia Business	55 250.00
Italian Chamber of Commerce	11 250.00
It's Our State Campaign Inc	13 000.00
Korean Chamber of Commerce	44 000.00
Latvian Chamber of Commerce	8 525.00
Property Council of Australia	10 000.00
Regional Develop SA Inc	15 500.00
SA Business Vision 2010	213 945.46
SA Great	145 000.00
SA Wine & Brandy Industry Association Inc	222 000.00
Southern Tree Breeding Association	10 000.00
United Trades & Labour Council	37 272.72
United Care Wesley Adelaide Inc	60 000.00
Upper Spencer Gulf Export Trade-start grant	20 000.00
Welding Technology Institute of Aust	30 000.00

As indicated several payments of funding has already been made for the new financial year.

CREDIT CARDS

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: I provide the following information in response to your question on credit cards, expense accounts and accommodation costs for the Department of Trade and Economic Development (formerly Department for Business, Manufacturing and Trade)

For completion I have included information related to the Office of Economic Development as it was amalgamated into the former Department of Business Manufacturing and Trade on 1st December 2003.

At the time of preparing this response, the Department had not received credit card statements for June 2004. Total Credit Card Expenses for the period 01 July 2003 to 31 May 2004 amounted to \$310 474 (inclusive of GST).

The Department of Trade and Economic Development does not maintain any other expense accounts.

Total accommodation costs for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, including domestic, overseas and guest accommodation and meals amounted to \$301 096 (exclusive of GST). These costs include credit card related accommodation costs. These figures are for travel related accommodation and do not include office accommodation expenses such as rent, security, building lease and other building outgoing costs.

Budgeted expenditure for 2004-05 for credit cards and accommodation will be developed as part of the detailed budget development over the next two months.

Note the figures supplied as at 31 May and 30 June 2004 are unaudited.

WILLIAM CREEK

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Department for Environment and Heritage cannot issue any tenure or authorise any development that may adversely impact on Native Title.

The Department for Environment and Heritage has advised that as there was no right of occupation to the William Creek Progress Association or the William Creek Gymkhana Committee Inc (or any other entity) to occupy the gymkhana site at William Creek, the Outback Areas Community Development Trust, on behalf of the William Creek Progress Association, applied for right of occupation over the site.

A Licence to Occupy has now been issued to William Creek Gymkhana Inc (WCGI) over portion of Allotment 20. Whilst more work is required before this matter is complete, the WCGI can proceed with the establishment of the new shed.

As William Creek is located within the unincorporated area of the State, development applications are required to be processed through the Development Assessment Commission. I have been advised that once the structural certification is issued by the Adelaide based supplier of the shed and two other local issues are addressed, it is highly likely that Development Approval will be issued.

ADELAIDE AIRPORT LEVY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are confident that AAL will continue to act responsibly in recovering its costs at rates negotiated with its customer airlines while striving to maximise the Adelaide Airport's competitive position among Australia's other gateways.

SMALL BUSINESS TAXES

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Acting Treasurer has provided the following information:

Land tax, ESL and the Save the River Murray levy are all levied on the registered owner of land.

In the case of owner occupied residential land, the registered owner of the land is most likely to be a private individual.

In the case of a small business conducted from the family home, the land would be classified as residential and the registered owner would be liable. Because of the residential classification of the land, a lower residential rate applies for both the ESL and the Save the River Murray levy. In the case of land tax, there is no rate differentiation based on land use classification but an exemption from land tax is available to land used for the principal place of residence.

A small business operation conducted from a principal place of residence will, in most cases, deny access to a principal place of residence exemption from land tax for the owner occupier.

BIMBOWRIE STATION

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The ground beneath Bimbowrie Station is considered highly prospective for gold, copper, lead and zinc. The entire area of the station is covered by some form of mineral tenement. There are four Exploration Licences, one Exploration Licence Application and two Mining Leases covering the area.

Half a dozen exploration companies, including Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd, EXCO Resources NL and Platsearch NL are exploring the area for base and precious metals. Unimin Australia Ltd owns the two Mining Leases and operates them for feldspar.

The second part of the question relates to whether mining activities will be allowed in the future. As indicated in the answer provided at the time, it is my understanding that the park will be jointly proclaimed, and that exploration and mining will still be able to continue at Bimbowrie Station.

KPMG REPORT

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Department of Trade and Economic Development (then known as the Office of Economic Development) was a "silver" level sponsor of the KPMG "Competitive Alternatives Report 2004" at a cost of \$7 000.

The former OED had been approached by Invest Australia to participate in the survey along with other States investment attraction agencies. Five State investment agencies in addition to Invest Australia, contributed financially to the KPMG survey. Each State agency contributed \$7 000 to be a silver sponsor.

In addition to South Australia, the other agencies were ACT Government Office of Business and Tourism, Invest Victoria, NSW Department of State and Regional Development and QLD Department of State Development.

The former OED's contribution was paid in July 2003 to the federal Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources (of which Invest Australia is a business unit) not directly to KPMG.

MINISTER'S TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The following information is a combined response in relation to two separate questions asked by Mr Hamilton-Smith during Estimates on Travel and Accommodation Costs:

Expenditure on overseas trips by Minister McEwen paid by the Department of Trade and Economic Development during 2003-04 is as follows:

Officer	Countries	Travel period	Destination & reason for travel	Cost (\$)
Minister Rory McEwen	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	6/10/03 – 11/10/03	SA trade mission organised by Australia Malaysia Business Council (SA) Inc to establish key contacts with government and industry in this region for trade development purposes.	3,992.90

Travel and accommodation expenditure on all trips by Minister Holloway and accompanying persons during 2003-04 paid by the Minister's Office and Department of Trade and Economic Development is as follows:

Name	Destination	Date of travel	Minister Dept.	
OVERSEAS				
Minister, spouse+ staff	New Zealand – Ministerial Council on Food Safety Standards. (Spouse's travel paid from Parliamentary travel allowance - Parliamentary Report submitted).	10/12/03 – 14/12/03	7,278	-
Minister, spouse + staff	China – Official visit of Trade Ministers' led by Federal Minister Mark Vaile. Visit to Shandong Province to strengthen Sister/State relations	20/4/04 – 30/4/04	16,501	19,852
	(Accompanied by DTED Trade Manager/interpreter)	20/4/04 – 30/4/04	-	9,178
TOTAL OVERSEAS			23,779	29,030
INTERSTATE				
Minister + staff	Perth – Ministerial Council on Food Safety Standards	31/7/03 – 2/8/03	2,783	
Minister + staff	Melbourne – Ministerial Council on Minerals and Resources	25-26/9/03	1,207	
Minister + staff	Perth – Primary Industries and Natural Resources Ministerial Council	2-6/10/03	3,435	
Minister + staff	Melbourne – Murray Darling Basin Commission	13-14/11/03	1,584	
Minister + staff	Sydney – Food related matters and meetings with Federal Shadow Ministers. (Minister's travel and accommodation paid from Parliamentary Travel Allowance to attend National ALP Conference).	29 – 30/1/04	1,297	
Minister	NT – Airfare (return) and accommodation – Inaugural Ghan Journey	10/2/04	528	
Minister + staff	Hobart – Ministerial Council of Trade Ministers	6-8/5/04	3,787	
Minister + staff	Melbourne – Meeting of Industry Ministers	18-19/5/04	1,155	
TOTAL INTERSTATE			15,776	

INTRASTATE			
Minister + staff + Departmental officers	Wudinna – charter aircraft to open Wudinna Show	13/9/03	1,332
Minister, Parliamentary Secretary + staff	Clare – Community Cabinet	27-28/10/03	460
Minister + staff + Departmental Officers	Whyalla – charter of aircraft for meetings and to host dinner for Aquaculture Industry	31/10/03	1,967
Minister + staff	Kangaroo Island – Community Cabinet	7/12/03	481
Minister + staff	Coober Pedy – Meetings and host dinner with local MP and Opal Mining Associations and hire of vehicle	9-10/3/04	1,939
Minister + staff + Departmental Officers	Pt Augusta – Charter of aircraft to open and attend Mining forum	12/5/04	2,310
Minister + staff + Departmental Officers	Berri – Guest speaker at Riverland Trade Forum	13-14/5/04	250
Minister	Mount Gambier – Launch of Southern Food Group project	29-30/5/04	274
TOTAL INTRASTATE			9,013

WOOMERA, RADIOACTIVE WASTE

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

The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY: The Minister for Environment and Conservation has been advised:

The Woomera Prohibited Area is Commonwealth Government land and as such is outside of State jurisdiction. The Commonwealth Government manages any radioactive waste material stored at the Woomera site. The South Australian Government has no power to send Officers to inspect or monitor the radioactive waste at Woomera.

INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET

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

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

As foreshadowed in the response provided in Estimates Committee B on 17 June 2004, the significant increase in employee expenses and supplies and services from the 2003-04 budget to the 2003-04 estimated result is explained by the transfer of staff and functions from the former Department of Building Manufacturing and Trade to the Office for Infrastructure Development.

The increase in employee expenses is due to the transfer of nine staff by proclamation, effective from 1 January 2004. This represents the six month impact of that transfer.

The increase in supplies and services represents the transfer of the administration and operating expenses associated with the nine transferred staff for the six month period, plus the transfer of project funding for the balance of the financial year.

LAND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION BUDGET

In reply to **Mr VENNING.**

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

Total expenditure by the Land Management Corporation during 2003-04 on consultants was \$551 302.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

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

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

The established practice in developing Public Private Partnerships (PPP) projects is that proposals are not put to the community or potential bidders until they have been adequately researched and defined. This requires a significant level of preparatory work by the sponsoring agency to develop the outline business case, which provides an initial indication as to whether the project can be delivered successfully as a PPP. If not, the assessment of the project as a potential PPP is abandoned at that point.

Accordingly it does not serve the interests of either the government or the private sector to publicly declare that a particular project will be delivered as a PPP until this preparatory work is completed. To do otherwise will simply raise expectations amongst potential proponents and within the community that the project will be delivered, when the outline business case may subsequently find that a PPP is not feasible and the project has to be reconsidered by the government.

In summary, it is not possible at this stage to say which of the 10 projects to be managed in 2004-05, other than the swim centre and the police and courts facilities, are likely to be progressed as PPPs. Preparatory work may be undertaken in regard to some projects to assess their potential as PPPs. The government is not in a position, however, to make any public announcements in this regard unless and until this work is completed.

ELECTRICITY, RETAIL COMPETITION

In reply to **Mr VENNING.**

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: In 2001, AGL investigated a number of government sites with emergency generators and performed a cost-benefit analysis on the potential for these generators to be used to produce electricity during peak loads. The investigation indicated that the project did not appear to be viable due to the following issues:

1. Many of the sites did not have appropriate control systems or power conditioning facilities required to feed electricity into the grid. In these cases, the costs to install the necessary equipment was too high for the project to be of benefit.
2. Emergency generators are typically designed to cater for the 'essential services load' which is usually around 10-15% of the building load. During an emergency, the site is unlikely to be able to contribute to the grid as well as maintaining their essential services, and
3. Many government generators such as those in hospitals are installed to provide power during emergency situations such as grid failure which has a greater tendency to occur when the network is at high loads. Accordingly, using the generators as a peaking plant may result in a security of supply issue.

ESCOSA VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: As I noted in my initial response to the Honourable Member, in circumstances where votes are tied, the Essential Services Commission Act 2002 provides for the Chairperson to exercise a casting vote. Specifically, section 20(5) of the Essential Services Commission Act states:

Each Commissioner present at a meeting of the Commission has one vote on any question arising for decision and, if the votes are equal, the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote. The Commission is currently developing its new governance arrangements, in light of the three newly appointed part-time Commissioners. It is expected that the corporate governance procedures will deal with the issue of disclosure of the use of the casting vote.

STATE ENERGY PLAN

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

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

The funding for the Energy Plan in 2004-05 will comprise the salary costs of a Professional Services Officer (Level 2) \$68 000 and \$145 000 operating budget. The operating budget will be used to support stakeholder consultation and to develop and refine energy supply/demand models within the context of State renewable energy targets and Federal renewable energy credit schemes.

ENERGY USE

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

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

Across-government performance on reducing energy use for 2003-04 will be published in December 2004, following public release of the 2003-04 Government Annual Energy Use Report.

It is not possible to estimate performance in the 2003-04 year prior to completion of the 2003-04 Government Annual Energy Use Report.

POWER GENERATION PROGRAM

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

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

The commonwealth approved funding over four years (2000-04). The funds available to the state for the Renewable Remote Power Generation Program was approximately \$8.6 million. Of these funds, \$8 million has been spent during 2000-04. The 2004-05 budget is the remainder of the \$8.6 million, i.e. \$600 000.

It is disappointing that no new funding has been allocated for this program. The government, however, is pleased that the larger states (i.e. WA, NT and Qld) that have not spent their allocated funding will be placing a proportion of that funding into a national pool which this government will seek to access for the benefits of our remote communities in SA.

PHOTOVOLTAIC REBATE PROGRAM

In reply to **Mr VENNING.**

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

The commonwealth funds the national Photovoltaic Rebate Program. The number of applications received determines the amount of funds each state receives from the Commonwealth. Applications that expire or are withdrawn will vary the amount received by the state.

SA received \$2.3 million in 2002-03 and \$2.7 million in 2003-04.

Figures supplied in the budget are estimates for budgetary purposes. The figures above are the actual figures for funds received. Figures that vary from this may not take into account applications that have expired or have been withdrawn.

The government is disappointed that the federal government did not announce an extension to the funding for this program from mid 2005 as part of their energy policy. This government will continue to lobby the federal government over funding for this program which has a high demand in South Australia.

RETROFIT KITS

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

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

All of the retrofit components for the Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Households have been delivered to the Department of Administration and Information Services' (DAIS). They are transferred from there to the 6 community welfare organisations as required for them to issue to home owners receiving energy efficiency audits.

The procurement of the components for the program was approved by the State Supply Board.

The showerheads and shower arms were manufactured in the United States. No Australian-made showerheads or shower arms were proposed in any of the tenders received. Philips manufactured the compact fluorescent globes in China. Energy SA is unaware of any compact fluorescent globes that are manufactured in Australia.

The draught excluders were manufactured in Australia.

STATE ENERGY RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

On 11 December 2003 the Minister for Science and Information Technology confirmed the transfer of responsibility for the State Energy Research Advisory Committee (SENAC) to the Premier's Science and Research Council.

The responsibility for SENAC now resides with the Science Technology and Innovation Directorate with technical and administrative support provided by Energy SA.

LAND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

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

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

LMC Project/funding source completed during the 2003-04 financial year, and no subsequent budget provision.

Major Items	\$M
Technology Park Masterplan infrastructure works	1.0
Inner Western Remediation Program	1.2
Mawson Lakes infrastructure works	0.5
	\$2.7

External consultants. Fees and expenses budgeted for the engagement of external consultants associated with either ordinary operation or specific project delivery amounts to \$1.821 million. The amount incurred depends on project activity and lifecycles. Major areas of expenditure within this budget comprise:

Major Items	\$M
Northfield—Stage 3	0.233
Lochiel Park	0.2
Playford North Regeneration	0.3
Gillman Industrial	0.1
Mawson Lakes Reclaimed Water Scheme	0.09
Technology Park—general scheme costs	0.1
LMC Land bank	0.03
Lefevre Industrial land	0.03
Edinburgh Parks	0.391
	1.474

Other amounts under \$30 000

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Gillman Industrial land area remaining is 280.31 hectares. A sale of 2.08 hectares is anticipated during the 2004-05 year.

In relation to the Cast Metals Precinct. A report on the development and status to be provided from DTED.

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS** question asked of Hon. M.J. WRIGHT.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: The 2003-04 target shown for infrastructure development in the budget papers was the target for the former Major Projects Group in DAIS. Six staff from that group were subsequently reassigned to the Office for Infrastructure Development (OFID) and there was a reapportionment of projects to align with the functions of the new office. Some projects, such as the Semaphore Breakwater and SARDI Sheetpiles were transferred to DAIS Building Management and the Industrial and Commercial Premises Scheme projects were transferred to the Land Management Corporation.

On 1 January 2004, nine additional officers from the former Department of Building Manufacturing and Trade were transferred by proclamation to OFID, although three of those officers did not physically commence duties in their new role until June 2004.

These changes to the role of OFID were touched on by me in my response to questions asked of me in Estimates Committee B on 17 June 2004. On that occasion, when referring to the projects in the Infrastructure Development program, I said "that it is a difficult figure to nail down in any event because we will often deal with an infrastructure project for a period of time without taking full carriage of it on particular issues.

I went on to say, "we can also give you a list of other things we are involved in, but it can be a moveable feast in that we can deal with them for a limited time before they go back to agencies. We often deal with other agencies' programs for limited periods for strategic reasons.

As noted in the Budget paper footnotes, this has a bearing on the way the values of the projects managed are recorded. Some projects managed by OFID for a time are included in the programs of other agencies. Just as the projects managed over the course of a year are a moveable feast, so the values of projects managed over the course of a year change. When a project has been dealt with and handed back to another agency, there is a consequential change in the overall value of projects managed.

Other projects are progressively referred to OFID for attention during the course of a year and the value of new projects may be quite different to the value of projects that have been dealt with and delisted. In addition, where the budget for a project is attributed to another agency, that value is unlikely to be included in the overall value of projects managed by OFID. Details of the projects allowed for in the 2003-04 Estimated Results are as follows:

1. Outer Harbor Grain Wharf/

Terminal	Estimated Value	\$105m
2. Riverbank Stage 1	Estimated Value (Bal)	\$0.2m
3. Riverbank Stage 2 (footbridge etc)	Estimated Value (Bal)	\$2.7m
4. Torrens Parade Ground	Estimated Value (Bal)	\$2.9m
5. West Lakes Property Management	Estimated Value	\$0.8m
6. State Aquatic Centre	Estimated Value	\$35m
7. Holdfast Shores	Estimated Value	\$250m
8. Patawalonga Stormwater Management	Estimated Value (Bal)	\$1.8m
9. Entertainment Centre Redevelopment	Estimated Value	tdb
10. SKA Telescope	Estimated Value	\$2b
11. Development of State Infrastructure Plan	Estimated Value	\$100k
12. Development of Strategic Capital Process	Estimated Value	-

tdb = to be determined

The annual value of projects managed was shown as \$7m, with a footnote reference that capital funding is allocated to other agencies. Estimated values also include estimates of private sector expenditure on the project. The \$7m refers to the estimated outcomes for capital projects physically managed by OFID through the DAIS accounts, being projects 2-5 inclusive above.

Projects included in the 2004-05 targets are:

1. Port River Road and Rail Bridges	Estimated Value	\$136m
2. Outer Harbor Precinct Development	Estimated Value	\$30m
3. LeFevre Corridor Upgrades	Estimated Value	\$22m
4. Outer Harbor Channel Deepening	Estimated Value	\$55m
5. Adelaide Airport Redevelopments	Estimated Value	\$280m
6. Holdfast Shores Stage 2B	Estimated Value	\$100m
7. Entertainment Centre Upgrade	Estimated Value	tdb
8. State Aquatic Centre	Estimated Value	\$35m
9. SKA Telescope	Estimated value	\$2b
10. Development of State Infrastructure Plan	Estimated Value	\$100k

The annual value of projects managed is shown as \$35 million, which covers proposed State capital contributions to Outer Harbor/LeFevre Peninsula projects.

This is not an exhaustive list, as other projects are added and moved on during the course of a year. Examples are, facilitating the Cape Jervis ferry terminal facility, putting together proposals for \$2 million expenditure on Kangaroo Island to upgrade the electricity supply, liaison with numerous private companies on their development proposals and proposals by private companies for the provision of public infrastructure.

LEGAL LIABILITY

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

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

The community groups undertaking the audits for the Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Households install the showerheads where appropriate. Householders have the option of installing the showerhead themselves if they prefer.

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs advises that community group auditors are able to replace existing 'domestic tapware' without the need for a licence or registration.

Energy SA trains all community group auditors in how to change a showerhead. The auditors are also given clear instructions regarding the types of hot water systems AAA-rated showerheads are or are not compatible with. Auditors are advised not to change the showerhead if there is risk of injury to a person or damage to property. Furthermore, the consent of the landlord (e.g. the Housing Trust) is required before a showerhead can be changed in a rental property.

Energy SA Legal Counsel has advised that liability for any injury resulting from slipping on a draught excluder would depend on the circumstances. It is difficult, however, to see how the government would be in breach of any duty of care. The government has taken steps to ensure that all suppliers of the retrofit items have public liability insurance. In addition, each of the six community groups delivering the program is required to hold public liability insurance and all auditors are required to provide householders with advice on

the safe and effective use of the draught excluder, including the potential risks of tripping over the door-snake. Provision of this advice is a requirement of the Funding Agreement with each community group.

RETROFIT KITS

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

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

All of the retrofit components for the Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Households have been delivered to the Department of Administration and Information Services' (DAIS) warehouse storage facility at Camden Park.

The following companies were awarded State Supply Board approved contracts for the supply of each of the retrofit kit components:

- SA EnergySavers—for showerheads and arms;
- Fieldforce Services Pty Ltd—for compact fluorescent globes; and
- Premier Warehouse Supplies Pty Ltd—for draught excluders.

PORT RIVER EXPRESSWAY

In reply to **Hon. I.F. EVANS** and **Mrs HALL.**

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

We will continue to work with the federal government to maximise the federal funding contribution to the Port River Expressway bridges and to ensure that, at a minimum, we receive the \$80 million funding outlined in the AusLink White Paper.

There are a number of issues, however, that need to be resolved with respect to the funding before we have the level of certainty we need.

It should first be noted that whilst the AusLink White Paper included an amount of \$80M as a funding contribution to the Port River Expressway bridges and associated works, not all of this money is for the bridges.

Our understanding is that around \$11 million of the \$80 million will be allocated to upgrade the LeFevre rail corridor to ensure that it can cope with the increased rail traffic and to overcome some severe restrictions that exist on that line.

This leaves some \$69 million of funding for the bridges.

The state has also committed \$7 million to the LeFevre rail corridor.

The AusLink White Paper does not make the conditions for the federal funding clear.

The paper simply states that the funding is available "provided the overall project improves port access and efficiency".

Other communications with the federal government, however, indicate that the funding may be conditional upon the following:

- The bridges not to be tolled;
- Construction of the bridges to comply with the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry and the associated guidelines; and
- The Federal Government has made it clear that it will not contribute any funds toward the additional cost of opening bridges above the cost of fixed structures.

Finally, the timing of the cash flows from AusLink to the State are such that the bulk of the funds will not flow to us for three years.

Under the projected cash flows included in the AusLink White Paper, we would have to substantially fund the project and then await reimbursement.

This will place a significant and unfair burden on the State's finances.

Resolution of these issues is being pursued at both a bureaucratic and ministerial level. We are confident that, based on an \$80M overall AusLink funding package, a satisfactory resolution can be reached along the following lines:

- We accept that the bridges will not be tolled;
- The additional cost of constructing opening bridges is borne by the State;
- The AusLink cash flows are brought forward to match the project cash flows; and
- We are anticipating that the National Code of Practice and the associated guidelines can be addressed in a reasonable manner that recognises that the Commonwealth will not be a party to the construction contract and also recognises that the existing South Australian Code already covers a range of tendering and contracting best practices that need to be maintained in a South Australian Government project.

The financial modelling has used the following tolls:

- Passenger vehicles—\$1.20

- Light commercials—\$3.30
- Heavy vehicles—\$5.50
- Road Trains and B-Doubles—\$11.00
- Trains—\$500 one-way for a fully loaded grain train (approx 3 700 tonnes).

It should be noted that a final tolling regime has not been settled. \$136 million for opening and tolled bridges with a 10-metre clearance (when closed).

The estimated capital costs are:

- 10-metre clearance, opening and tolled

Road Bridge =	\$77M
Rail Bridge =	\$59M
Total =	\$136M
- 10-metre clearance, fixed and tolled

Road Bridge =	\$59M
Rail Bridge =	\$49M
Total =	\$108M

It should be noted that these estimated capital costs would be reduced by around \$4 million in each case if the bridges were not tolled.

It should also be noted that opening bridges would be more expensive from a maintenance and operational perspective.

We estimate that the additional net present cost for operating and maintaining opening bridges is between \$8 million and \$10 million over the economic life of the bridges.

Therefore, in net present cost terms the opening bridges are expected to be approximately \$36 million to \$38 million more expensive than fixed bridges.

Resolution of the AusLink funding is urgent in light of the project timelines and, in particular, as tenders for the project will close in August 2004.

ENVESTRA

In reply to **Mr VENNING**.

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

The costs of gas full retail competition (FRC) incurred by the gas distributor, Envestra, have been met by the government in an ex-gratia payment of \$54 609 367 expended in 2003-04. The Treasurer approved the payment on 21 June 2004.

The ex-gratia payment is in consideration of Envestra's FRC-related capital and operating costs for the next 5 years and, had the Government not made the ex-gratia payment, would have been passed on to gas consumers. The Essential Services Commission of South Australia determined the amount of the ex-gratia payment.

The remainder of the \$64.5 million allocation will be expended in years 2004-05 to 2009-10 by making further payments to Envestra. These payments will be in consideration of a discount to retailers on Envestra's fixed haulage charges over the 5-year period and will offset the charges levied on retailers by the gas retail market administrator, REMCo. The REMCo charges will be fully offset in the first year and will taper over time. I anticipate approving these payments prior to 28 July 2004.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

I have already stated in response to this question that we are dealing with a moveable feast when we are trying to identify projects and the value of those projects being dealt with by the Office for Infrastructure Development at a point in time.

Nevertheless, details of the projects and their estimated values allowed for in the 2003-04 estimated results are as follows:

1. Outer Harbor Grain Wharf/Terminal	Est Value	\$105m
2. Riverbank Stage 1	Est Value(Bal)	\$0.2m
3. Riverbank Stage 2	Est Value(Bal)	\$2.7m
4. Torrens Parade Ground	Est Value(Bal)	\$2.9m
5. West Lakes Property Management	Est Value	\$0.8m
6. State Aquatic Centre	Est Value	\$35m
7. Holdfast Shores	Est Value	\$250m
8. Patawalonga Stormwater Management	Est Value	\$1.8m
9. Entertainment Centre Redevelopment	Est Value	tbd
10. SKA Telescope	Est Value	\$2b
11. Development of State Infrastructure Plan	Est Value	\$100k

12. Development of Strategic

Capital Process	Est Value	-
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This is not an exhaustive list, as other projects are added and moved on during the course of a year. Examples are, facilitating the Cape Jervis ferry terminal facility, putting together proposals for \$2 million expenditure on Kangaroo Island to upgrade the electricity supply, liaison with numerous private companies on their development proposals, such as the recently announced \$600 million City Central development, and proposals by private companies for the provision of public infrastructure.

ENERGY SA BUDGET

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information: I have indicated that an additional \$50 000 budget was provided to PIRSA to manage the Moomba crisis during 2003-04.

In addition, Energy SA reallocated budgeted expenditure from other Energy programs into Energy Safety Advice and Information, the Energy Friends initiative and the Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Households.

MICROECONOMIC REFORM

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information: As per Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 3.13, the 2003-04 budget for Supplies and Services relating to the provision of Energy and Infrastructure Policy by the Microeconomic Reform and Infrastructure Branch (MERI) of the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) was \$903 000.

On 23 November 2003, the government announced an increase in the Energy Concession by \$50, to \$120 per annum from 1 January 2004, the first increase since 1990. The Government also moved to ensure that 15 000 self funded retirees could access the Energy Concession for the first time.

In addition, on 29 November 2003, the government announced the introduction of the Energy Transfer Rebate (ETR) for pensioners and 15 000 self-funded retirees, if they decided to sign up to power deals that provide them with cheaper electricity prices.

Cabinet approved the expenditure of up to \$13.35 million for the ETR in 2003-04, of which \$300 000 was allocated to MERI for the provision of technical advice, the development of IT systems and contractor services, to ensure that the implementation was managed efficiently.

In addition to these budget increases, MERI was also allocated an additional \$15 000 for general EDS costs.

As a result of these additional budget allocations, the estimated result for 2003-04 increased to \$1 222 000.

It is worth noting that the increase from the 2002-03 actual result to the 2003-04 budget was due in part to the transfer of responsibility for gas policy and coordination of input into the Ministerial Council on Energy reform process to DTF. However, the costs for these projects were included in the original budget for 2003-04, and no additional funding was allocated for these projects during 2003-04.

GLENELG FLOODING

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: I provide the following information: There have been a total of 152 claims from 147 persons. 118 claims have been settled.

A total amount of \$1 381 505 had been paid as at 19 July 2004. It is estimated that a further \$333 095 will be paid to finalise all claims under the compensation scheme.

In response to the state's assertion that it is entitled to be reimbursed by Baulderstone Hornibrook in respect of compensation paid to affected residents and other costs, Baulderstone has agreed to settle the claim by the payment of \$1.8 million to the state.

Baulderstone is not admitting liability and they intend to seek recovery from other parties.

POLICE, EXCESSIVE FORCE

In reply to **Mr HANNA**.

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: The Commissioner of Police has advised the following:

South Australia Police Ethical and Professional Standards Service database reveals that since July 1 2003 there have been three known registered complaints against members of the S.T.A.R Group concerning the use of excessive force.

One of those complaints relates to the matter mentioned by Mr Hanna. That complaint is currently with the Police Complaints Authority for determination.

The South Australian Police employ a quarterly reporting program on a range of information arising from complaints against police. The reports, provided to each Service and Local Service Area, are a comparison to the previous reporting period and assist the Manager to identify increases and decreases in complaints. The reports also 'flag' individual members who have come under notice because of the number of complaints against them received during the past quarter.

GILLMAN, LAND

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: The Land Management Corporation controls an extensive parcel of land at Gillman. The Corporation controls a total of 265.05 hectares of land, plus several very small parcels that involve access easements or other administrative controls.

Of the 265 hectares, 97.48 hectares is in the area known as Magazine Creek, which is unlikely to be developed in the foreseeable future due to environmental and other constraints. Of the balance, approximately 18 hectares at North Arm is the subject of commercial leases and the remainder is vacant land. Options for possible development of this land are currently being prepared. Due to its low lying and unstable nature, however, future development poses considerable geo-technical challenges.

LAND SALES

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

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

Almost every sale that occurred last year delivered a better return than budgeted. Where there were negative variations against the business plan, it was because for a variety of reasons land could not be brought to market in accordance with the proposed timeframe. Most of those sales should occur this financial year.

The major positive variations to the business plan were:

· Blakeview/Craigmore	\$5 018 000
· Seaford	\$2 444 000
· Salisbury South	\$2 000 000
· Elizabeth West	\$804 000
· Mawson Lakes	\$1 512 000

These were offset by variations relating to:

· Darlington	\$2 062 000
· Davis Street, Largs North	\$1 440 000
· Technology Park	\$827 000
· Inner Western	\$700 000

ELECTRICITY RETAIL COMPETITION

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: As I noted in my initial response to the honourable member, the Essential Services Commission is required to provide an annual budget to the Treasurer for approval. This obligation on the Essential Services Commission is pursuant to section 23 of the Essential Services Commission Act 2002 (the ESC Act), which also obliges the Essential Services Commission to provide to the Treasurer, for his approval, a performance plan for the coming financial year.

With respect to the role of Essential Services Commission Commissioners, the ESC Act provides for the creation of the Commission and the appointment of Commissioners. The Commission is responsible for administering the Act and is able to engage staff and consultants to assist it in its work.

As the honourable member is aware, two part-time Commissioners were appointed to the Essential Services Commission from 26 March 2004 and a further part-time Commissioner was appointed from 27 May 2004. Hence, the Essential Services Commission now comprises one full-time chairperson and three part-time commissioners. The Essential Services Commission as a whole is responsible for providing an annual budget and performance plan to the Treasurer, so the recently appointed part-time commissioners also have responsibility for meeting the Commission's section 23 obligation.

The Commission is, however, able to delegate its powers to a commissioner or to any other competent body. The Commission is currently developing its new governance arrangements, in light of the new commissioners, including a Delegation of Authority

document. One option would be that administration of employees of the Commission would be delegated to the chairperson.

CAST METALS PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT

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

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: Stage 1 of the Cast Metals Precinct development remains the responsibility of the Department for Environment and Heritage.

Responsibility for the development of Stage 2 has been transferred to the Land Management Corporation (LMC). To date some 4 hectares of this 17.9 hectare site have been filled and compacted, although no services are yet installed.

The LMC Board has approved the preparation of a detailed design for the servicing of the whole site. LMC is likely to try and bring the first allotment to the market in approximately mid 2005, but if a specific need exists to bring allotments on line earlier than this, it may be possible to accommodate those requirements.

There is no active program within government to relocate foundries to the Cast Metals Precinct, although LMC will be marketing land to the foundry industry on a commercial basis.

WATER SAVING DEVICES

In reply to **Mr VENNING.**

The Hon. P.F. CONLON: The Minister for Environment and Conservation has advised that:

1. The Water Proofing Adelaide project has looked at uptake levels and trends of dual flush toilet installations in South Australia. The main source of information is periodic Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) survey data, which indicates that the number of homes in South Australia with dual flush toilets increased from 48.2 per cent in 1994, to 63.2 per cent in 1998, to 71.8 per cent in 2001, which was the last survey.

Accelerated uptake of water efficiency devices is expected to occur when the proposed new national mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling scheme is implemented.

2. As a consequence of the high level of dual flush toilet ownership, existing regulations and the proposed new national labelling scheme, the need for the state government to collect further information on dual flush toilet ownership is not considered to be urgent at this time.

I am pleased, however, to report that the government, through the ABS, is about to conduct an energy and water survey, which will be backed on to the national labour force survey.

COORDINATION BROKERAGE SERVICES

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

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

Options Coordination brokerage services are administered by five agencies, each representing distinctive disability groupings. Each Options Coordination Agency provides a statewide case management service to people with disabilities and is provided with funding to purchase (or broker) support and care services from direct service providers (for example, respite or personal care).

In regard to brokerage services on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, Options Coordination agencies released up to \$150 000 during 2003-04 to meet the needs of individuals, including the provision of respite care and personal care. The amount of funding required to meet individuals' needs will vary across financial years according to identified needs and gaps in existing services. Therefore a set amount of funding is not quarantined as recurrent funding.

Service providers Options Coordination Agencies have used to purchase support services in the APY Lands include:

- Nganampa Health Service;
- APY Lands Community Councils;
- Central Australian Support Services;
- Anglicare NT; and
- Mitjulu Respite Centre.

Options Coordination Agencies also liaise with the NPY Women's Council to assist with identifying needs and procuring the most appropriate care or support service provider to meet the individual's needs.

DAARE ANNUAL BUDGET

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

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

The net cost of the program for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has had only minor amendments (approved by the Department of Treasury and Finance) between the two published budget papers in question. One significant difference, however, has been the disclosure in the current budget papers of the cost of disposal of the State Government's stake in the 'Central Power Station' asset. It had been budgeted that the asset would be available for transfer to the relevant Land Holding Authority in 2003-04, but this is now anticipated to take place in 2005-06.

The difference has been disclosed as a negative adjustment of \$6.65 million against the 'Other Revenue' category, as the asset's transfer to the Land Holding Authority for nil consideration was anticipated during 2003-04. The funding for the construction of this asset was provided as capital appropriation during 2003-04.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

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

7.1 The definition of a consultant and a contractor for disclosure in the agency's annual report is contained in Accounting Policy Statement number 13 'Form and Content of General Purpose Financial Reports'.

Item 17 (a) states that:

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

Item 17 (b) states that:

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

7.2 Accordingly, there has been no reclassification of people or services previously classed as consultants to contractors during 2003-04 for the Department for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and the Department for Correctional Services.

EXPENDITURE ON CONSULTANTS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

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

A detailed breakdown of expenditure by the Department for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (DAARE) on consultants and contractors in 2003-04 is contained within the following tables:

DAARE Consultant Payments from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Consultant	Net Amount Paid	Work Undertaken	Public Tender (p), Selective(sel), Single(s)
Jane Jeffries	7,200.00	Review of DAARE Heritage Group	s
Total	7,200.00		

DAARE Contractor Payments from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

Contractor	Net Amount Paid	Work Undertaken	Public Tender (p), Selective(sel), Single(s) Panel Agreement (pa)
Arid Engineering	6,780.00	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands Electrical Protection System - Contract Management	s
Cavill Power Products P/L ¹	44,136.00	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands Generator transfer from Oak Valley	s
Australian Cultural Heritage Management ²	28,265.50	Victor Harbor Waste Water Treatment Plant	sel
Cavill Power Products P/L ¹	172,779.63	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands Diesel Generator Maintenance 2003/04	s
Cavill Power Products P/L ¹	45,221.65	Yalata -Diesel Generator Maintenance 2003/04	s
Cavill Power Products P/L ¹	31,957.65	Oak Valley -Diesel Generator Maintenance 2003/04	s
Central Civil & Plumbing	18,135.00	Indulkana -Replace Poly tank, UV Treatment Upgrade to Bores, etc	sel
ETSA Utilities ¹	355,909.00	Electrical Maintenance across APY, MT and Yalata communities.	s
Integrated Community Solutions	66,425.00	Provision of a Business Case re feasibility of service in Adel for Aboriginal people impacted by Substance Misuse	p
Liz Durward & Associates	18,975.00	Temporary Staff	s
Locher & Assoc P/L	44,583.84	Temporary Staff	pa
Luebbers & Associates ²	16,077.74	Wattle Point Wind Farm Project - Arch & Cult Assessment	s
McGuire Reardon Consulting P/L ²	55,374.00	Heritage administration and management of procurement evaluation processes.	s
Nunkuwarrin Yunti	59,794.90	Management of Reunion Assistance to Members of the Stolen Generation	s
Parafield Airconditioning ¹	24,145.45	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands -Airconditioning Maintenance 2003/04	s
Parafield Airconditioning ¹	10,036.36	Yalata -Air-conditioning Maintenance 2003/04	s
Power Generation Services ¹	59,740.65	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands -Data Monitoring 2003/04	s
Reynolds Electrical Service	5,602.23	Nepabunna -Emergency Breakdown Bore Pumps	s

Weststaff Australia P/L	20,339.65	Temporary Staff	pa
Wilkinson Plumbing Services	228,054.55	Fregon & Indulkana Aboriginal Communities -Installation of Soakage Trenches to Effluent Lagoons	sel
Wilkinson Plumbing Services	18,271.05	Water & Effluent Maintenance	s
Total	1,330,604.85		

Notes

¹ Interim arrangements pending finalisation in 2004-05 of open tender processes for the selection of licensed operators for electrical generation and distribution.

² Required due to pressure of time and risks to Government in relation to Wattle Point Wind Farm application under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 and other initiatives.

A detailed breakdown of expenditure by the Department for Correctional Services on consultants and contractors in 2003-04: Consultants for 2003-04 includes:

1. Consultant: Colliers International
Cost: \$22 500
Work undertaken: Property search for potential sites for prison infrastructure
Method of appointment: Request for quotation
2. Consultant: McLachlan Hodge Mitchell
Cost: \$36 640
Work undertaken: Development and implementation of new financial reporting system
Method of appointment: Direct negotiation through Justice Portfolio
3. Consultant: CPD Biz Consulting
Cost: \$8 950
Work undertaken: Development, delivery and evaluation of induction for employees
Method of appointment: Request for quotation

Contractors for 2003-04 includes:

1. Contractor: Group 4
Cost: \$160 161
Work undertaken: Service contract for movement of remand prisoners between court and Mobilong Prison
Method of appointment: Tender
2. Contractor: Group 4
Cost: \$5 648 958
Work undertaken: Prisoner movement and in-court management
Method of appointment: Tender
3. Contractor: Group 4
Cost: \$3 870 160
Work undertaken: Management and operation of Mount Gambier Prison
Method of appointment: Tender
4. Contractor: Group 4
Cost: \$207 411
Work undertaken: Provision of Home Detention monitoring equipment
Method of appointment: Tender

NURSE VACANCIES

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

The Hon. L. STEVENS: My estimate during the Estimates Committee hearing of the reduction in the nursing and midwifery vacancy rate was correct, however the numbers I provided do not match the audit data held by the Department of Human Services.

Since July 2003 the Department of Human Services, through Nursing Services, has conducted six monthly audits on the vacancy rates of nurses and midwives in both metropolitan and rural and remote health units. Audits are conducted January and June each year.

The vacancy rate is reported as a Full Time Equivalent (FTE). The vacancy rate is the variance between the health unit's budgeted FTE and the hired FTE.

The overall nursing and midwifery vacancy rate for January 2003 was 480.12 FTE

- Metropolitan 361.85 FTE
- Rural and Remote 118.27 FTE

The overall nursing and midwifery vacancy rate for July 2002 was 580.69 FTE

- Metropolitan 449.16 FTE
- Rural and Remote 131.53 FTE

Between the two audits, July 2002 and January 2003, the nursing and

midwifery vacancy rate had reduced by 100.57 FTE.

SA DENTAL SERVICE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The 2003-04 Budget figure reported in the Portfolio Statements for the SA Dental Service was \$37 586 000. The actual allocation for 2003-04 will be \$39 600 000. This change primarily relates to the treatment of start of year cash adjustments in the development of the budget.

There is a shortage of anaesthetists nationwide, which is reflected in South Australia by a number of vacancies for anaesthetist positions in the Public Sector. In this climate new graduates are leaving South Australia to undertake more attractive employment opportunities interstate and/or in the private sector.

The shortage of anaesthetists has affected the provision of a range of services, including the unavailability of anaesthetists for dental treatments under general anaesthetic at Strathmont Centre.

The Department of Human Services is developing an Anaesthetic Clinical Network as a means to help share the resource of anaesthetists at a State level. A Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) senior clinician has been appointed for six months to progress the establishment of the network and coordinated the clinical services. A range of short and long term strategies is also being considered by Chief Executive Officers of the metropolitan public hospitals to enable new recruitment models and employment opportunities.

In the interim, the RAH senior clinician negotiates on an as-needs basis with the Strathmont Centre regarding client needs and has provided an anaesthetist at specific times.

NURSES RECRUITMENT—GENDER BALANCE

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Nursing and midwifery are historically female dominated professions. The 2002 nursing workforce profile reported 91.4 per cent of nurses are female and 8.6 per cent male. The breakdown for indigenous nurses is 90 per cent are female and 10 per cent are male.

There is no evidence to demonstrate that the community's health would be enhanced by enforcing a gender balanced nursing workforce.

However, the nurse recruitment program, which actively promotes nursing as a career throughout the state, is focused on encouraging more males to enter nursing. Strategies used include:

- Nurse School Speaking Program encouraging males to consider nursing as a career option. Male nurses have participated in these programs at schools.
- The Community Service Announcement set of 3 videos have a male nurse as the prime speaker in one video.

GENERATIONAL HEALTH REVIEW COSTS

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

The Hon. L. STEVENS: On reaching office in March 2002, the government made a commitment to reform the health system. This reform has been both stimulated and informed by the Generational Health Review that was set up in the context of the government's five pillars of health reform:

- Improving the safety and quality of services
- Providing greater opportunities for inclusion and community participation
- Strengthening and re-orientating services towards prevention and primary health care
- Developing service integration and cooperation
- Adopting whole of government approaches to advance and improve health status.

The commitment to the reform of the health system in South

Australia began over 12 months ago and the launch of the Generational Health Review and the government's Health Reform Agenda First Steps Forward on 19 June 2003 now provides the framework and first actions for the government's health reform agenda.

The 2003-04 budget papers were developed on the basis of providing a viable foundation upon which to build the reform of the health system, that is, in the knowledge of the general directions and thrust of the reforms proposed by the Generational Health Review, and consistent with the Government's five pillars for health reform. Thus while there was nothing specifically tagged 'Generational Health Review', the following information demonstrates that the reform of the health system in South Australia has commenced.

In the areas of Mental Health reform

The development of the Margaret Tobin Mental Health Centre: \$12.3 million over 2003-04 and 2004-05.

The Repatriation General Hospital Mental Health Project: \$450 000 in 2003-04.

The next stage of the Lyell McEwin redevelopment, which includes a new mental health facility: \$850 000 in 2003-04 to commence detailed planning for the next stage of LMHS.

A number of mental health reform initiatives noted in Forward Estimates, including institutional, community mental health, legislative and workforce reforms: \$1 million.

In the area of Early Childhood development reform

Early intervention universal home visiting program: \$3 million.

Other Early childhood intervention initiatives: \$1 million (recurrent).

In the area of Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing

Additional funding to establish a number of primary health programs that will support Anangu families based in AP communities and provide for regional office and rehabilitation/respite infrastructure: \$1.65 million.

Adopting a primary health care approach to renal dialysis

Funding providing for an additional 10 metropolitan chairs: \$1.3 million.

Drug Summit recommendations

Funding for the implementation of recommendations arising from the Drug Summit, a demonstration of the government's response and commitment: \$1.13 million.

Although not a specific line in the budget papers, DHS has also allocated internal funding for:

A Demand management strategy: An additional \$500 000 over and above the existing \$1.6 million.

A Transitional Care Unit to provide an intensive rehabilitation service for patients who are long-stay in acute hospitals to assist them in their preparation for return to home: \$800 000 in the first year.

A series of Business cases are being developed with first priorities being:

- Hospital avoidance & demand management
- Health Call Centre
- Primary Health Care Networks
- Transition to regional structures
- Mental Health reform
- Early Childhood intervention

Specific budget implications will be realised when these are completed.

LYELL McEWIN HEALTH SERVICE

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

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The offices next to the 8 bed cardiac unit in Lyell McEwin Health Service redevelopment Stage A will be occupied on a temporary basis by the Medical Division including the Director of Medicine and his staff. The location of the Division of Medicine into these offices is a staging requirement until offices for the Division of Medicine are completed in Stage B of the redevelopment.

BUDGET PAPERS

In reply to **Mr HANNA.**

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Portfolio budget paper reporting by the Department of Human Services is consistent with the format introduced as part of the directions established by the incoming government. Changes to the format and other explanatory notes are contained in the introduction section of Budget Paper 4 Vol 1, 2, and 3.

The format of reporting provides substantially more detail on the budget and performance of a greater number of specific entities that

make up the Portfolio than has previously been the case. The 2003-04 budget papers reported on 21 programs and 68 sub-programs.

Each year the Department of Human Services undertakes hundreds of projects and programs, which vary in size and complexity. Due to this size and complexity as well as limited reporting timeframes it is not practical to report all projects and programs in detail.

NURSE ROSTERING REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

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

The Hon. L. STEVENS: During the 2002-03 financial year the Department of Human Services (DHS) incurred \$120 000 in expenditure.

The Clinical Management and Nursing Administration System Steering Committee recommended, after extensive evaluation and analysis, that there was no clear preference for any of the system solutions proposed by the respondents to the tender. The Committee concluded that the risk in this project was far greater than generally expected (and accepted) for complex system implementations.

Following discussions within DHS on 27 June 2003 this recommendation has been accepted.

A variety of issues require resolution, from financial, approval and end-user perspectives. This will ensure the final system chosen for implementation will provide a sound platform for the future requirements for the nursing profession.

The commitment and effort of all involved in this evaluation process was significant. The process was conducted with due diligence and an objective assessment was paramount.

The Chief Information Officer will urgently identify and assess options for the on-going provision and management of an appropriate nursing system including the option of maintaining the existing Excelcare system. Further analysis has demonstrated that there are options of extending the life of the existing Excelcare system whilst the potential of alternative or upgrade options is further explored. It is proposed that there will be ongoing discussion with all key groups during this process to ensure that the system development meets the needs to support the functions of nursing practice.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

The Hon. L. STEVENS:

1. Diabetes is a serious chronic health condition which is four times more prevalent in the Aboriginal community than in the wider population. In the indigenous population, among some age groups, diabetes has been reported at rates more than eight times those for the non-indigenous population.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to focussing on the prevention of diabetes among the whole population but particularly among indigenous communities. A Diabetes Health Promotion Plan 2003-06 has been funded using Commonwealth and State funding of \$1.02 million. This includes a focus on:

- primary prevention through addressing risk factors for diabetes including nutrition, physical activity, healthy weight and smoking
- developing a diabetes website including information for Aboriginal people
- support for health professionals around prevention, early detection and good management. A major focus will be support and training for Aboriginal Health Workers through their established networks
- community awareness about diabetes including promotion which is specifically targeted to Aboriginal communities
- developing information and resources about diabetes; resources for Aboriginal communities will be reviewed and new ones developed where appropriate
- building the capacity of systems, services and communities to better respond to diabetes issues by working with regional diabetes networks statewide.

The State Diabetes Strategic Plan also includes a commitment to improving the service responses to ensure effective management of diabetes and prevention of complications. This includes use of technology to improve access for people in rural and remote areas to specialist services. Encouraging and supporting patients to manage their diabetes will also be a focus for development following the successful trial of this approach with Aboriginal people with diabetes on the west coast of SA.

2. Family and Domestic Violence

Rekindling Family Relationships—Framework for Action is the statewide strategy responding to indigenous family violence. It is congruent with the proposed whole of government approach to

domestic violence, indigenous family violence and sexual assault. It applies a women's safety approach and ensures service responses are holistic and based on population health analyses.

In 2002-03 Aboriginal Services Division, DHS appointed a project officer, for twelve months, to progress the framework and work with communities to develop local community action plans in response to family violence. The project officer worked in collaboration with the Inter Sectorial Officers Working Group on Indigenous Family Violence (IOWGIFV), the Attorney Generals Department and ATSIC. Two milestones in rural SA include:

- the first regional forum to establish a local action plan held in June 2002 at Ceduna; and
- the establishment of a local Crime Prevention Action Group in the Oodnadatta region which has identified a range of priorities to be addressed, including family violence.

Another advance in meeting the needs of Aboriginal women and children overcoming family violence is the development of models of care using appropriate accommodation options. The Aboriginal Services Division supported the management and staff of Nunga Mi:Minar (at Greenacres) during the transition from the previous shelter model to the new cluster housing model for women and children escaping family violence. The new model provides a holistic approach and improved, more appropriate, responses for Aboriginal women and children.

Sexual Assault

Eight community health services provide sexual assault programs in metropolitan Adelaide: Adelaide Central Community Health Service (ACCHS), Northern Metropolitan Community Health Service (NMCHS), Inner Southern Community Health Service (ISCHS), Noarlunga Community Health Service (NCHS), Women's Health Statewide, Yarrow Place, SHine SA, and Nunkawarrin Yunti, which is an Aboriginal specific program.

Many of the sexual assault programs are provided as components within core interpersonal violence programs. Indigenous persons can access both generic and culturally specific sexual assault programs.

Numbers of Aboriginal Health Workers providing some of the community health sexual assault programs include:

- ACCHS—five Aboriginal Health Workers
- NMCHS—five Aboriginal Health Workers
- Nunkawarrin Yunti—five Aboriginal Health Workers and one nurse
- NCHS—four Aboriginal Health Workers
- ISCHS—two Aboriginal Health Workers
- Women's Health Statewide has no Aboriginal Health Worker
- Yarrow Place has no Aboriginal Health Worker
- SHine SA has no Aboriginal Health Worker. Two Aboriginal staff deliver SHine SA's Aboriginal training programs.

Generic sexual assault programs are modified to meet culturally appropriate standards. Most community health staff have received cultural awareness training and culturally appropriate environments have been created at service sites. Clients may also elect to have a Nunkawarrin Yunti Aboriginal worker attend sessions as a support worker.

It is difficult to report the number of Aboriginal clients using either generic or Aboriginal specific sexual assault programs. This number is often underestimated as many clients choose not to specify their cultural background or use other issues, like housing or financial crises, as the reason for presenting due to the sensitive nature of sexual assault and the feelings of shame attached to it.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that most Aboriginal female clients presenting to community health have experienced sexual abuse and/or family violence at some time in their lives, with perpetrators not necessarily being Aboriginal. Most Aboriginal women clients receive sexual assault services, during their time with community health services, even though this is not the main service recorded in the client's service history.

3. Mr Birch provided a comprehensive and current response on Aboriginal mental health services at the Estimates committee hearing on 19 June 2003. Further details of country and metropolitan services and the proportion of Aboriginal workers involved in these are provided below.

Mental health services for Aboriginal people in country regions

Approximately 50 per cent of the state's Aboriginal people live in country regions. Mental health services and programs provided specifically for Aboriginal clients include:

- visiting psychiatry services in Ceduna, Yalata, Coober Pedy, Oodnadatta, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (Indulkana and Mimili), Pika Wiya and Pt Augusta
- Aboriginal controlled health services with social emotional wellbeing teams or the equivalent include Ceduna—Koonibba, Port Lincoln and Pika Wiya

- special mental health services for Aboriginal people run by mainstream health services are present in the Riverland and the Hills Mallee Southern Regions.

The services at Ceduna—Koonibba, Port Lincoln, Pika Wiya, the Riverland and the Hills Mallee Southern Regions employ Aboriginal workers.

Mental health services for Aboriginal people in metropolitan Adelaide

Services and programs provided specifically to Aboriginal clients in the Adelaide metropolitan area are delivered by Nunkawarrin Yunti and incorporate traditional healing. Nunkawarrin Yunti also provides services to regional centres across the State.

There are very few Aboriginal mental health workers employed by agencies within the Adelaide metropolitan area. The Aboriginal workers are employed by the City Homeless Assessment and Support Team (CHAST) and the Southern Mental Health Services for Older People.

The proportion of clients using mental health services who identify as being Aboriginal is difficult to determine because the collection of data on a person's 'indigenous status' is problematic. However, the Department of Human Services' metropolitan and country mental health inpatient separations, where people have identified their indigenous status is almost 6 per cent of total separations. Metropolitan community health data indicates indigenous contacts at 2 per cent of all total contacts.

To develop a strategic statewide mental health response Mental Health Services and Programs, in consultation with the Aboriginal Services Division, has employed a principal consultant for Aboriginal mental health. Overtime, cultural competence will be applied to the:

- development of programs in conjunction with community members with cultural and traditional expertise
- development of appropriate assessment tools
- education awareness program
- develop new models of mental health practice which recognise the traditional concept of 'community health'
- development evaluation and monitoring programs to measure the success of mental health responses for Aboriginal peoples with a mental illness.

4. Aboriginal Health Worker training is conducted differently in each state and territory. The majority of the training occurs in the vocational education and training sector, with over 50 courses accredited at certificate and diploma levels.

In South Australia the report '*Future Pathways*', launched in December 1999, outlined key recommendations for improvements to Aboriginal Health Worker training, support and status. Some of the major issues identified include:

- the current lack of recognition of Aboriginal Health Workers as professionals;
- inequality compared with other health professionals;
- a lack of recognition concerning the roles of the Aboriginal Health Worker;
- differences in pay and qualifications required for appointment between employers.

The Aboriginal Health Worker Interim Advisory Committee (AHWIAC) was established, in July 2000, to develop a business plan for:

- the development of an Aboriginal Health Worker professional association in South Australia;
- active involvement in future funding arrangements in relation to Aboriginal Health Worker training and development;
- the development of a vision statement for Aboriginal Health Worker training and development to link training to better health outcomes in the community;
- active involvement in bringing about changes to the primary health care curriculum as recommended in '*Future Pathways*'; and
- ensuring that a public health framework and commitment to a primary health care approach underpin future education and training needs of Aboriginal Health Workers.

Developments occurred in two directions, the development of a professional association and the consideration of traineeships.

The Australian Health Minister's Advisory Committee endorsed the recommendation that associations for Aboriginal Health Workers be established at state and national levels. In May 2002 the Professional Aboriginal Health Workers Association of South Australia Inc was established superseding AHWIAC. It is a representative body advocating for workplace practices, career pathways, training issues, information sharing, and the establishment of a regulatory authority for national and state award structures.

Aboriginal Health Worker Traineeships are being considered by health service regions. Traineeships have the benefit of supporting Aboriginal trainees within their local regions and building a career pathway for Aboriginal Health Workers.

5. The issue of registration of Aboriginal Health Workers in South Australia was discussed, but not resolved, at the recent Fourth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers Conference in Adelaide on 15-18 June 2003. A further conference, to be jointly facilitated by the Northern Territory and South Australia, will explore the feasibility of registration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers in South Australia. Work toward this is currently being progressed by the Professional Aboriginal Health Workers Association of South Australia Incorporated.

The state government and Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc, as the employers of Aboriginal Health Worker in the state, are also investigating the feasibility of registering Aboriginal Health Workers in South Australia.

6. DHS have advised that no further information can be provided as this is a Commonwealth program.

CALL CENTRES

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: The emergency department (ED) attendance statistics stated by Jim Birch at the Estimates session were based on his recall of a presentation by Dr Peter Bentley, Medical Director of the Western Australian health call centre, HealthDirect in 2002 and a report of *Recent Developments Relating to Health Call Centres: International and Australian Experience (2003)*. Since the introduction of HealthDirect in WA the rate of increase in ED presentations is less than in other states over the same period: 1 per cent-2 per cent in WA compared to 6 per cent elsewhere.

The Australian Institute of Health & Welfare data for emergency presentations in 2001-02 also report a national increase of 5 per cent-6 per cent. Due to variation in reporting classifications (i.e. which emergency department triage categories are counted), it is not possible to directly compare state results. Reporting consistency is a current national goal.

The most recent figures for Western Australia actually show a 1 per cent decrease in emergency department presentations. The health call centre is considered by Western Australia to be one of the contributors to a reduction in emergency department presentations.

FEDERAL FUNDING

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

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Since March 2002 there have been no instances where federal funding has not been received by the health portfolio due to the State government not contributing to a federal/state agreement.

SAVINGS STRATEGIES

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

The Hon. L. STEVENS: 17 specific savings strategies applied in 2002-03 were achieved. Two savings strategies were not implemented, and two were partially implemented. Savings strategies not implemented:

- *Country Health Procurement*

This initiative was to centralise bulk purchasing for country health services and has not been achieved to date as a greater lead-time is required for implementation.

- *DAIS Risk Management Services*

This savings initiative is unable to be achieved at this point in time as DHS is not able to unilaterally vary its arrangements with the Department of Administrative Services (DAIS) for risk management services for building works.

Savings strategies partially implemented:

- *Regional Structures—Rationalisation of Country Regional Offices*

This savings initiative has only partly been achieved due to the impending release of the Generational Health Review and the requirement for greater implementation lead times.

- *Country Health Revenue*

The savings strategy to increase fees and charges has only partially been achieved. Savings initiatives in relation to the realignment of private patient revenue have been revised as a result of the medical indemnity crisis. Private patient activity reduced as risk averse doctors chose to treat patients as public only. Cabi-

net has acknowledged the effect of the increased medical indemnity premiums on rural doctors by providing additional budget appropriation of \$515 000 in 2002-03. This will assist doctors with payment of the private premium component and provide a grant to resident rural General Practitioner Obstetricians under the Department's 'Rural Health Enhancement Package' for those doctors providing a rural GP obstetric service.

WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: Under the arrangements for workers compensation in South Australia, claims managers are employed by claims agents appointed by WorkCover under the *WorkCover Corporation Act 1994*. The current claims agents were appointed following a tender process. They are CGU/NRMA, Allianz, QBE and Vero.

In regard to the question on competition and ACCC tax implications, I am advised that WorkCover's claims management arrangements meet competition policy requirements and that no issues of the nature adverted to are anticipated in relation to these arrangements.

RACING BUDGET

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: In relation to Budget Paper 4, Volume 2 page 6.19, 'Racing', the \$499 000 has been budgeted as follows: Staff Costs—\$285 000, Racing Industry Advisory Council Meeting costs—\$8 000, Travel Costs (including accommodation)—\$17 000, Administration Costs—\$146 000, Office Accommodation—\$18 000 and Corporate Overheads—\$25 000.

The \$499 000 includes the cost of travel for staff only in attending Australasian Racing Ministers' Conferences, meetings of ministerially convened taskforces and attendance at other Racing Industry conferences.

Costs associated with hosting a Racing Ministers' Conference are met from the Office for Racing budget.

EYRE PENINSULA, BURST PIPES

In reply to **Mrs PENFOLD**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that SA Water is planning to install a pressure reducing valve (PRV) to reduce the average pressure in the Ceduna water supply system in order to reduce the number of burst pipes. The budget cost is \$600 000 to \$800 000, which includes provision to accommodate the Council's "Water West" development.

SEPTIC WASTE

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: At SA Water wastewater treatment plants where septic tank effluent is accepted, the acceptance price is \$25 per kilolitre. The exception that from 1 July 2004 the acceptance price for septic tank effluent at Heathfield is \$92 per kilolitre, reflecting higher treatment and disposal costs associated with that particular plant.

Septic tank waste is accepted at the majority of SA Water treatment plants (see below). Where access to plants is not available, this generally relates to the physical inability of trucks to access the plant to dispose of the waste.

Hauled Waste Acceptance Matrix

Treatment Plant	Septic Accepted
BOLIVAR	Yes
CHRISTIES BEACH	Yes
MURRAY BRIDGE	Yes
MANNUM	No
ANGASTON	No
VICTOR HARBOR	No
HEATHFIELD	Yes
HAHNDORF	No
GUMERACHA	No
BIRD IN HAND	No
MYPONGA	No
WHAYALLA	Yes
PT PIRIE	Yes

PT AUGUST (EAST)	No
PT AUGUST (WEST)	Yes
PT LINCOLN	Yes
FINGER POINT	Yes
MILLICENT	Yes
NARACORTE	No
NAGWARRY	No
MT BURR	No

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The total cost of pilot plant trials at Tod reservoir, which were performed from February to September 2003, was \$335 594. Of this cost, \$173 672 was paid by Riverland Water.

CONSULTANT EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS.**

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: Please find below a table outlining the expenditure in excess of \$5 000 on consultants for 2003-04 from the Department for Administrative and Information Services (Administrative Services portfolio), and South Australian Water Corporation.

DESALINATION TRIALS, TODD RESERVOIR

In reply to **Mrs PENFOLD.**

DAIS (Administrative Services portfolio):

Name Of Consultant	Work Undertaken	Method Of Appointment	Cost
<i>\$5 000 to \$10 000</i>			
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Shared Services Advice	Request to specialist provider	6 000
Jigsaw Services	ORS finance function review	Quotation	8 479
Josephine Tiddy Corporate Transformations	Disciplinary hearing services	URGENT—negotiated terms of arrangement	5 105
Locher and Associates P/L	Executive Coaching Program	Quotation	6 912
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Salary tax obligations	Quotation	5 000
Ernst and Young	Shared Services - Justice portfolio analysis	Extension of Benchmarking (see * in 'over \$50 000')	7 074
Pennycuik Consulting	Culture survey	Obtained 3 quotes in 2000, have gone direct since then	9 411
Jane Jeffreys consulting	DAIS - Policy, Planning & Community Services Consultancy Services	3 quotes	6 400
Margaret Howard Management Services	Interact - Trial learning program	Tender	5 180
Ernst and Young	SAGEMS 2004/05 price review - planning and budgeting support	Direct approach	5 760
Ernst and Young	Development of operational model for Bizgate business	Direct approach	6 885
<i>\$5 000 to \$10 000</i>			\$72 206
<i>\$10 000 to \$50 000</i>			
Compass Consulting	Draft report for trending analysis of Outsourced Data Centre Costs	Tender	45 000
Everest Group A'Asia P/L	Review & discussion for SAG & EDS contract; transition risk management	Direct approach	71 540
Metagroup	Benchmark consulting MPR 2 & 3.	Tender	97 500
Ernst & Young	Planning & Budgeting - SAGEMS 04/05 price review	Direct approach	12 576
Currie & Brown	Renewal of FM Contract	Direct approach (specific expertise and experience)	13 778
Clayton Utz	FM Contract - Legal Advice	Direct approach (specific expertise and experience - were engaged previously)	17 813
Enterprise development Network	Service Quality Survey	Quotation	17 550
Jigsaw Services	Accounts Payable Review	Quotation	10 360
Jigsaw Services	ORS - Year End Audit	Quotation	21 008
Jigsaw Services	ORS - Grants Database Audit	Quotation	12 647
Jigsaw Services	Efficiency & Effectiveness Project	3 quotes (request for proposal)	21 000
Contract & Tendering Services P/L	Review of Supply SA Warehouse	Direct approach (based on previous work)	16,360
Buddle Design	LSG Corporate Image	Tender	10,200
McGregor Tan Research	Customer Satisfaction Survey - State Government Regional Service SA Customer Centres	3 quotes (request for proposal)	16 636
Parsons Brinkerhoff	Le Fevre Peninsula - Transport Corridor Study	Limited tender (3 bids)	47 027
<i>\$10 000 to \$50 000</i>			\$430 995
<i>above \$50 000</i>			

DAIS (Administrative Services portfolio):

Ernst & Young	Shared business case development report	Tender	369 106
Ernst & Young	Benchmarking of SAG Corporation	Tender	82 128
Centra Consulting	Functional review of Business Services	Direct approach (specific knowledge of DAIS and expertise – previously engaged)	104 000
Centra Consulting	Organisational review of Business Services	Direct approach (specific knowledge of DAIS and expertise – previously engaged)	58 750
Ian Kowalick	Management Services	Direct approach by DTF	116 346
Microsoft	Project management and development as per the Microsoft SA Gov Innovation Centre contract	Tender	437 873
<i>above \$50 000</i>			\$1 168 203
Total Consultant Costs			\$1 671 404

SA Water

Name Of Consultant	Work Undertaken	Method Of Appointment	Cost
Hewlett-Packard Aust Ltd	Feasibility study into the replacement of open as the customer services information system client environment	Waive of competitive process - specialist skills	\$13 671.66
Analysis Pty Ltd	Customer satisfaction research for Australian water quality centre	Selective tender	\$19 864.98
Sand Classifiers	External audit of Murray mouth dredging operations	Direct negotiation - specialist skills	\$9 850.00
Marsh Risk Consulting	Review the potential public liability exposures concerning the Murray mouth sand pumping project	Direct negotiation - recommended by SAICORP, availability	\$6 300.00
Sustainable Asset Management	Benchmarking of SA Water's sustainability performance	Direct negotiation - sole provider of these services in Australia	\$22 500.00
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Review & assess the impact of ias3 financial instruments: recognition & measurement	Direct negotiation - member of financial services panel	\$18 000.00
Economic Solutions (Sa)	Undertake a valuation compare this to SA Water's valuation	Direct negotiation - specialist expertise	\$5 250.00
Macquarie Risk Advisory Service	Benchmark transition plan analysis	Direct negotiation - specialist skills & knowledge gained during previous related work	\$22 500.00
Amherst Group	Advice in relation to the shared services function	Direct negotiation - specialist skills not readily available in market	\$38 613.80
Hender Consulting	Review of corporate & marketing communications	Selective tender - member of recruitment services panel	\$6 671.78
Hassell Pty Ltd	Strategic accommodation review	Selective tender	\$13 535.00
Marsh Risk Consulting	Business continuity planning for business systems	Selective tender	\$10 800.00
CSIRO Corporate Finance	Assess the total value of water resources in SA suitable for harvest	Direct negotiation - specialist skills not readily available in market	\$43 962.00
Consultancy Expenditure Total			\$231 519.22

SERVICE SA

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS.**

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The Service SA 2003-04 budget increased to \$3.161 million in the 2004-05 budget papers predominantly due to a carryover approval for \$1.005 million. The carryover expenditure related to the following Service SA business:

- New Service SA Pt Augusta customer service centre fitout and staff training,
- Service SA advertising campaign,
- Service SA call centre technology enhancements,
- Costs associated with planning a Service SA expansion,
- Government Information Centre decommissioning and associated business relocation.

FORENSIC SCIENCE SA

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that 95 per cent or 4 298 of the 4 542 police cases received during the 2002-03 periods

have been completed. The total police cases received at Forensic Science SA for the current financial year is 4 027. Of these, 75 per cent, or 3 019, are completed.

DNA DATABASE

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: DNA Police casework involves two types; criminal cases where there is a known suspect and database cases where biological material has been recovered at a scene but no suspect is known. The profiles from these scenes are searched for possible matches on the database. I am advised that the backlog of criminal cases stands at 335 and database cases at 677 at the end of 2003-04. At the end of the 2001-02 financial year the backlog of criminal cases was 169 and database cases 702. At the end of the 2002-03 financial year the backlog of criminal cases was 340 and database cases 1038.

A significant reduction of the backlog of database cases was achieved in 2003-04 (from 1038 to 677). The backlog of criminal cases increased significantly in 2002-03 and stayed at this level in

2003-04 in spite of increased demand. Criminal cases received increased from 600 in 2001-02, to 827 in 2002-03 and 1010 in 2003-04.

CAPITAL WORKS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The table below compares the total budget of the DAIS capital program with the budget of major individual projects over the period of 2000-01 to 2004-05.

The decline in capital investment from 2000-01 to 2004-05 is misleading as the 2000-01 budget includes \$71.7 million worth of funding concentrated in three major infrastructure projects, the government radio network, Botanic wine and rose development and Glenelg/Patawalonga development.

When the total budget is discounted by these major individual projects, the decline from 2000-01 (\$56.9 million) and 2004-05 (\$35.2 million) is \$21.7 million. This reduction is related to a shift in capital investment to other portfolios (eg health, education etc).

DAIS Capital Works

Trend in Expenditure—From 2000-01 to 2004-05

	2000-01 \$m	2001-02 \$m	2002-03 \$m	2003-04 \$m	2004-05 \$m
Total budget	128.6	99.6	81.2	61.8	42.0
Major individual projects (Total Cost greater than \$40.0 m)					
Government radio network	38.8	30.7	25.5	15.2	6.8
Botanic wine & rose development	18.5	3.2			
Glenelg/Patawalonga development	14.4	0.5	0.9		
Total	71.7	34.4	26.4	15.2	6.8
Major individual projects as a % of Total Budget	55.8%	34.5%	32.5%	24.6%	16.2%
Total budget without major individual projects	56.9	65.2	54.8	46.6	35.2

FORENSICS BUDGET

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The 2004-05 budget papers included a new program (program 10) called Intra Agency Support Services. This program encompasses the centralised provision of support services to the various business units within the portfolio of the Department for Administrative and Information Services (DAIS). These services include human resources and payroll management, financial management, IT helpdesk support, facilities management, internal audit services, administrative support, policy advice and executive and ministerial governance. Prior to the establishment of

this program, these budgets were allocated across the other programs. This means the sub-program 9.2 Forensic Science in the 2004-05 budget paper now relates strictly to the Forensic Science Business Unit within DAIS. The reduction in the net cost of program from \$9.426 million for program 6: Forensic Science Services in the 2003-04 budget papers to \$8.606 million for sub-program 9.2 Forensic Science in the 2004-05 budget papers is the result of the intra agency support services budget no longer being allocated on top of other program budgets, but being reported within their own program.

Please refer to the table below for detailed breakdown of the Forensic Science budget.

Forensic Science Services

	Reconcile to Net Cost of Sub-program 9.2 in the 04-05 Budget Papers			Program 6 as Pub- lished in the 03-04 Budget Papers		Reconcile to Output 5.3 in the 02-03 Budget Papers
	2004-05 Budget	2003-04 Est Res	2003-04 Budget	2003-04 Budget	2002-03 Budget	2001-02 Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Expenses						
Employee Entitlements	7,532	6,571	6,508	7,588	6,544	6,188
Supplies & Services	3,899	3,990	3,768	3,969	3,408	2,808
Depreciation	744	744	744	745	837	739
Other	6	6	0	1	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	12,181	11,311	11,020	12,303	10,789	9,735
Operating Revenue						
Sale of Goods	2,933	2,675	2,350	2,245	2,555	2,237
Regulatory Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commonwealth Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	12	64	64	632	639	646
Total Operating Revenues	2,945	2,739	2,414	2,877	3,194	2,883
Net Cost of Program	9,236	8,572	8,606	9,426	7,595	6,852

FORENSIC SCIENCE, STAFF

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that eleven positions were filled utilising the additional funding, which also covered consumables and computers etc. The positions included:

- 2 administrative officers
- 3 technical officers
- 5 scientists,
- 1 senior forensic scientist.

Some of the senior positions were won by existing Forensic Science

SA employees seeking promotional opportunities. This created further lower-level vacancies, and ultimately eleven new staff members were recruited.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE, REGIONAL CENTRES

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The government continues to support regional areas by providing building maintenance services through its nine country offices as above.

The number of employees has increased from 36.6 FTEs in 2001-02 to 41.2 FTEs in 2003-04.

FTEs employed at each regional centre are:

Murray Bridge and Nuriootpa	8.8
Mt Gambier	7.0
Pt Lincoln	5.0
Pt Pirie and Clare	7.4
Pt Augusta	5.9
Berri	4.0
Whyalla	3.1
	41.2

Building Maintenance, in support of the government's regional program has employed three graduates (in Mt Gambier, Murray Bridge and Pt Lincoln) and continues to provide traineeships at each office.

ATLAS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has advised that:

I note that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation is no longer part of the Department for Administrative and Information Services. I am advised that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has included the \$5.187 million for 2005-06 in the forward estimates provided to the Department of Treasury and Finance.

WORKCOVER ASSETS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that Treasury was provided with forecasts of the change in financial position to June 2006 based on the consolidated results and that the consolidated results include the WorkCover Scheme Fund, Statutory Reserve Fund, Insurance Assistance Fund and the Mining and Quarrying Fund.

Financial Year ending June \$m	Improvement in funding position
2004	24.1
2005	68.8
2006	82.5

These forecasts were based on actuarial advice on the outstanding claims liability as at December 2003, and of course are subject to change as advice is updated periodically.

EMPLOYEES, LOST WORKING DAYS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: In relation to page 6.6 of Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, why have the working days lost per 1000 employees in South Australia risen by 300 per cent in the last 12 months?

I am advised that any suggestion that there has been a 300 per cent increase in the days lost per 1000 employees is not borne out by the Australian Bureau of Statistics data in terms of per annual statistics.

There can of course be significant fluctuations from quarter to quarter. For example, I am advised that the published rate in the September 2001 quarter was 21.0 whereas those for quarters before and after rates of 1.6 and 3.0 respectively were reported.

TORRENS PARADE GROUND

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The 2003-04 budget provided \$1.298 million to complete the refurbishment of the Torrens Parade Ground. The date for completion was extended following the decision to accommodate the SA History Trust at the Torrens Parade Ground.

Of the total funds originally programmed for expenditure in 2002-03 \$1.856 million was carried forward resulting in a total funding of \$3.154 million in 2003-04.

RECREATION AND SPORT FUNDS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The estimate is prepared by the Department of Treasury and Finance based on historical experience and analysis of trends in collections during the current year.

The funds are returned to consolidated revenue each financial year.

SANTOS STADIUM

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: In 1997, the Santos Stadium Board was established under the *Public Corporations Act* (PCA) to preside over Santos Stadium. The Board comprised five members.

In August 2001 the Chairman of the then Board of Santos Stadium wrote to the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) requesting an urgent review of the "...structure, objectives and original charter requirements of the stadium." This request resulted from a reported difficulty of the Board meeting its Charter and Performance Statement requirements.

A review was undertaken by ORS with assistance from Arthur Andersen, Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) and the Crown Solicitor. It highlighted that the stadium was not operating as a commercial entity in accordance with its charter established under the PCA. It has had to rely upon government funding since its establishment to meet its ongoing operational costs. Under the PCA structure an Independent Board was also required and, as a consequence, the stadium operating costs also included annual Board fees of approximately \$50 000.

The Rann government has given a very clear policy direction in regard to boards generally. The PCA structure added an unnecessary cost impost to the operational costs of the stadium and as such the PCA was dissolved and the Board was no longer required. This is in keeping with the government policy to remove unnecessary costs. In 2002-03 the government made industry support payments to the stadium of approximately \$149 000 to keep the PCA trading in a solvent position. The PCA was dissolved in November 2003 and Athletics SA (ASA) managed the stadium budget in accordance with the transition process up to and including 31 December 2003. ASA management contract payments are included in the 2003-04 financial results.

ORS commenced management on 1 January 2004 and has honoured the existing and binding contracts put in place by the previous Board.

The savings achieved to 30 June 2004 have not been finalised. However, the costs associated with the management and operation structure of the stadium have decreased by approximately \$50 000 per annum due to the non-payment of Board fees. Further savings are anticipated in 2004-05 as a consequence of the changed management arrangements and the increased hire of the stadium to soccer in the winter season.

WORKCOVER

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT:

Net financial position included in the Governments accounts

I am advised that the following forecast of the consolidated financial position for the consolidated funds was provided to Treasury for inclusion in the Government accounts:

Financial Year ending June	Unfunded Position \$m
2004	547.4
2005	478.6
2006	396.1
2007	301.2
2008	192.0

I am advised that the consolidated position includes the Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Fund, Statutory Reserve Fund, Insurance Assistance Fund and the Mining and Quarrying Fund. Forecasts are of course always merely predictions, and I am advised that the best information about WorkCover's position is the most up to date actuarial advice.

RISKS/ACCIDENTS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I confirm that I am advised that there are no figures in relation to breaches of safe systems of work versus employee negligence.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that generally speaking WorkCover does not release this information as it is considered to be confidential and protected by Section 112 of the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986*.

WORKCOVER, GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: For the information of the member, I can advise that I have now received updated advice further to the summary information, provided to me by Public Sector Workforce Relations (DAIS), and advised to the Estimates Committee.

I am advised that agency reconciliation variations have resulted in updated advice that presently show the total paid by the SA Government sector to WorkCover for 2002-03 was \$5.145 million.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The Department for Administrative and Information Services abides by Accounting Policy Statement 13, issued by the Department for Treasury and Finance, to differentiate between consultants and contractors. According to the policy:

“consultant” means a person who is engaged by an *entity* for a specified period to carry out a task that requires specialist skills and

knowledge not available in the entity. The objectives of the task will be achieved by the consultant free from direction by the entity as to the way it is performed and in circumstances in which the engagement of a person under normal conditions is not a feasible alternative”, and:

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

The number of people or services which were previously classed as consultants and are now shown as contractors by the Office for Recreation and Sport and the Office for Racing is NIL.

CONSULTANT EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE.**

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: Please find attached a table outlining the expenditure in excess of \$5 000 on consultants for 2003-04 from the Office for Recreation and Sport and the Office for Racing.

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing
Information is provided from the DAIS ledger as at May 2004
Details of Consultants

Name	Description	Number of Consults Entered into YTD	YTD Expenditure 2003-04	Method of Appointment
\$5,000 to \$10,000		0	-	
\$10,000 to \$50,000				
Wakefield Regional Council	Open Space Strategy	1	12,500	Tender
Jardine Lloyd Thompson	SA Community Group Risk Management Project	1	15,000	Across Government Contract
Shirley Brown	Provision of Recommend & Sport Programs and Services	1	29,600	Restricted Tender
Connor Holmes	Subsidised Accommodation Review Second Progress Claim	1	17,000	Restricted Tender
Planning Partnerships	Development of ORS strategic plan	1	10,825	Direct Approach
SGL Consulting	Develop State Sporting Facilities Strategy	1	25,000	Tender
Market Equity Pty Ltd	Research into social and economic benefits of trails	1	30,000	Tender
\$10,000 to \$50,000		7	139,925	
above \$50,000		0	-	
Total Consultant Costs		7	139,925	

APY LANDS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS.**

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The central powerhouse is a significant project initiative to upgrade ageing infrastructure in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. It comprises three discrete stages:

1. construction of a 200 kilowatt solar facility;
2. construction of a powerhouse with initial generation capacity of three megawatts; and
3. construction of high voltage power lines from the powerhouse to communities.

The commonwealth government has funded the first two stages, with the final stage being funded by the SA government.

Stage one is now at practical completion.

Stage 2 is currently in progress, with the early civil works completed. Advice from the Department for Administrative and Information Services (DAIS) is that power generation from the central powerhouse is scheduled for commissioning in February/March 2005.

Stage 3 will commence after the completion of stage 2. I am advised that preliminary design work has already commenced.

I am informed that at the time of the Public Works Committee's consideration of the project in 2001-02, the former Department of State Aboriginal Affairs (DOSSA) had not factored in the project timeframes for managing the delivery of the central powerhouse and distribution lines. In July 2002, when it became clear that to comply with government policy the project could not be delivered by

DOSAA, DAIS was engaged. To scope the requirements appropriately, preliminary feasibility work was commissioned by DAIS before tenders were called for the construction work. This work, carried out from mid 2002 to early 2003, contributed to the longer timeframes for delivery than those anticipated by DOSAA.

I understand that another factor affecting delivery since the inception of the project has been the difficulties encountered in accessing anthropological records from the AP Executive (through the Pitjantjatjara Council, as custodian of the records) and identifying and obtaining the consent of traditional owners on the APY Lands.

The final stage of implementing the distribution network is contingent on receiving the traditional owners' consent to the proposed power line route, which extends approximately 250kms across the Lands. Tenders for the final stage are scheduled for release in late 2004, subject to the successful completion of consultation with traditional owners.

I am advised that the balance of construction work to the value of \$5.187 million has been carried over into 2005-06, the year in which the work is now scheduled for completion.

FAIR WORK BILL

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The draft *Fair Work Bill* was provided to the Industrial Relations Commission for their consideration, and as such the Industrial Relations Commission was provided with the opportunity to comment on all issues, rather than being presented with a specific question on costing.

OFFICE FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, STAFF CUTS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) employee expenses budget figures for 2003-04 and 2004-05 and future years do not represent the actual expenditure pattern on salaries and wages by the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS). ORS has identified this as an issue and with the assistance of the Department for Administrative and Information Services will address with DTF in the coming months.

ORS' number of full-time employees changes consistently to reflect changes in program delivery, external-funding arrangements with agencies such as the Australian Sports Commission and administrative efficiencies. ORS has utilised Targeted Voluntary Separation Packages where appropriate to ensure effective staffing numbers.

There has been no reduction in the number of grant positions or in positions involved in the processing of grant applications.

PROJECT FEES

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The fees charged relate to the value of the projects, not to the number of projects managed.

In 1994 as part of its risk management strategy Cabinet approved that for building projects over \$150 000 in value, DAIS partner government agencies in the delivery of the projects by providing a range of services including giving independent, objective advice and managed processes for the procurement of services from the private sector. The associated Cabinet approved fee for the mandated services is on a sliding scale, depending on the risk level, complexity and value of the project.

The change during 2002-03 is a change in accounting treatment to bring together the fee components associated with the services that DAIS provides on projects over \$150 000. Previously that part of the fee was accounted for under a different category—'fee for service'. However, this change in accounting treatment does not change the overall fees charged to client agencies. The fees are not on a flat percentage but on a sliding scale that takes into account, risk level complexity and the value of the project. Although there is no direct comparison of these activities with the private sector, it is accepted practice in the building and construction industry that fees for professional services (architecture, engineering, cost and project management) are linked to the value of the project.

IGA BOARD

In reply to **Mr BROKENSHIRE**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that the cost of running the IGA is \$192 600 per annum when all seven members are in office for the whole of the year. The Presiding Member receives a fee of \$27 200 per annum plus an annual retention allowance of \$10 000.

I understand that the Presiding Member does not take a sitting fee or, with the exception of claimed out of pocket expenses being met, receive any other payment in respect of his membership of the authority.

I am advised that the net expenses which fall into the category of "costs of flying over the Presiding Member and housing him here while doing his work" are identified as:

For 2003-04—accommodation \$2 624.60 and travel \$5 040.09 giving a total of \$7 664.69.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

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

'contractor' means a person who is engaged by an entity for a specified period to carry out a defined task subject to direction by the entity as to the way in which that task is to be performed and in circumstances in which the engagement

of a person under normal conditions of employment is a feasible alternative.

The number of people or services which were previously classed as consultants and are now shown as contractors by the Department for Administrative and Information Services entities that report to the Minister for Administrative Services is NIL.

In the case of SA Water, the Department of Treasury and Finance definitions were adopted in July 2001. As a consequence, the following services were re-defined as contractors:

- Gutteridge Haskins & Davey Pty Ltd
- Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd
- Haliburton KBR Pty Ltd
- Tonkin Consulting
- URS Australia Pty Ltd
- Arup Water
- Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd
- Earth Tech Engineering Pty Ltd

The arrangement that SA Water has with these contractors is a standing offer. That is, SA Water is not committed to expend any particular value with these organisations, but simply has agreed terms and conditions with the contractors for when and as the services are required.

The services which a contractor may be required to carry out include, but are not limited to the following:

- Investigations and feasibility studies, including identification and evaluation of options, life cycle costing, development of project staging plans and reporting on findings
- Preparation of technical design briefs
- Concept designs
- Detailed design and documentation
- Checking designs by SA Water or others
- Preparation of technical specifications
- Preparation of request for tender documents
- Preparation of CADD sketches and drawings
- Revision of existing drawings
- Site supervision
- Field testing, sampling and measurements
- Performance testing
- Reviewing technical literature and reporting on findings
- Commissioning tests
- Provision of advice
- Site inspections and investigations
- Risk assessment
- Contingency planning
- Laboratory testing
- Provision of specialist staff to SA Water on a short-term basis.

SA WATER CHARGES

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: In accordance with accounting standards, gifted assets such as developer-provided water supply and sewerage infrastructure associated with new subdivisions and similar development activity are recognised in the accounts as revenue and therefore contribute directly to the level of profit. Similarly, contributions toward existing assets also rise when development activity is high, effectively providing a delayed return for earlier investment. It is therefore follows that abnormally high levels of property development will contribute to above-budget profits irrespective of any profit margin built into fees applied.

In response to the question, there are two types of charges that arise from property development activity:

- Charges associated with standard fees and charges for minor services such as laying of new services.
- Profit margin on the broad range of these fees and charges in 2003-04 will be around 7.3 per cent overall.
- Charges applied to developers and others for extensions of mains that are not covered by standard fees.

These are based on construction cost estimates with provision for a standard administration and application processing costs. There is no specific provision for a profit margin.

CONSULTANTS

In reply to Omnibus Questions.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Department of Education and Children's Services has advised:

There were no consultants engaged by the Department of Education and Children's Services in 2003-04.

Senior Secondary Assessment Board SA has advised:
Expenditure on Consultants

2003-04:	\$7 200
Number of Consultants:	1
Name of Consultant:	Kulu Pty Ltd
Cost:	\$7 200
Work Undertaken:	Facilitation of the SSABSA Board Strategic Planning Retreat and provision of an independent report of outcomes, including a visual strategic framework.
Method of Appointment:	Recommendation by the Board after consideration of three possible consultants.
Teachers Registration Board has advised:	There were no consultants engaged by the Teachers Registration Board on 2003-04.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to Omnibus Question.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: According to note 17 of Treasury and Finance Accounting Policy Statement (APS) 13:

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

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

The Department of Education and Children's Services has advised:

The Department of Education and Children's Services' (DECS) practices have been consistent with the APS 13 definitions since they were adopted across government in 1995.

There are no people or services currently employed or contracted by DECS that would have been previously recorded as consultants and are now shown as contractors or short-term employees. Therefore, the value of contracts is not applicable.

Senior Secondary Assessment Board SA has advised:

There are no instances of people or services that have previously been classified as consultants who are now shown as contractors or short-term employees.

Teachers Registration Board has advised:

There are no instances of people or services that have previously been classified as consultants who are now shown as contractors or short-term employees.

KINGSCOTE WHARF, TOILET FACILITIES

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Kingscote Wharf and surrounding area is owned by the South Australian government through Transport SA. Toilets in the immediate vicinity of the wharf were in poor condition, operating on a septic system and environmentally unacceptable. Consequently these were demolished by Transport SA some twelve months ago.

The current toilets in the car park adjacent to the wharf area are owned by the council and provide satisfactory facilities for the majority of visitors to the area. Most of these visitors are in the area for pelican and penguin tours, which are walking based tours, and consequently, a short walk to the toilets, does not seem to present a problem.

I can confirm my previous advice that no applications for funding under the South Australian Tourism Commission's Tourism Development Fund have been received from either Transport SA or Kangaroo Island Council.

MULTILINGUAL STAFF AND BROCHURES

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:

Publications

The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) makes decisions as to brochures printed in foreign languages based on the key international markets in which the SATC is actively promoting the destination and to which markets the brochure subject is relevant.

The SATC's international team produce a motivational brochure that focuses on the key experiences relevant for the international market. This brochure is translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish and Chinese. A Japanese language brochure titled 'Romantic Adelaide' is also produced by the SATC.

A brochure on the driving route between Adelaide and Darwin (marketed as Explorer's Way) is also produced in French, German and Italian, as is a brochure relating to the 2005 Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive. There is also a brochure titled *Driving Safely in the South Australian Outback* that includes translations in German, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Bahasa Malaysian.

All of these brochures are available overseas through the SATC's international representatives.

In addition, foreign language websites have been developed by the SATC in French (www.southaustralia.fr), German (www.southaustralia.de), Italian (www.southaustralia.it), Chinese (www.southaustralia.com.sg) and Japanese (www.adelaide.jp), and work has begun on a Spanish site.

The publications displayed at the South Australian Visitor and Travel Centre include a selection of those produced by the SATC, or brochures from those operators who are registered on the SATC's database. The Travel Centre staff have access to the range of international brochures to make these available to international visitors.

Multilingual & Bilingual Staff

The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) currently employs a number of staff with language skills other than English. In particular, staff currently employed at the SA Visitor and Travel Centre have Italian and Japanese language skills. Several staff in the marketing, PR and development areas also have skills in various languages, Africans, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Indonesian, Japanese, Malaysian, Norwegian, Punjabi, Serbian/Croatian, Swedish, Tamil.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) regularly reviews its strategies, programs and policies to ensure it meets its objectives as effectively and efficiently as possible.

In 2003-04 SATC staff conducted the following internal reviews:

- South Australian Holidays—the SATC Board and an internal SATC project team are currently reviewing the SATC's domestic wholesale program. The key objective is to determine the future of the program in light of changes to the market and with the growing trend for consumers to book directly via the internet. No external consultants have been employed. As the program is currently under review no recommendations, implementation programs or timelines have been established.
- A Brochure Audit was conducted in January and February 2004 with the primary objective to identify the range and number of brochures produced or funded by the SATC. The audit also examined the operational and financial implications of the brochure production for the agency as a whole. SATC research staff conducted the review. As a result of the brochure audit, a production policy and guidelines are being developed which include the need to link brochure production to marketing campaigns with appropriate distribution, measurement and reporting mechanisms.
- The Co-Operative Agreement with Proud Australia. A review was requested by the SATC Board regarding the continuation, or otherwise, of existing agreements with the Proud Group. At the time of the request the Proud group operated the South Australian Travel Centres in Brisbane, Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. During the review KI Sealink undertook the responsibility for Sydney and Melbourne Centres.

The terms of reference of this review were:

- To investigate ways in which we could stimulate demand for South Australia's tourism experiences and travel product.
- To gain greater clarity of our respective roles in the marketplace, and
- To leverage the competitive advantage that South Australia has with a network of travel agencies around the country.

The recommendations, which have been implemented, are a three-year agreement to continue to fund some of the co-operative marketing activities of the SA network of Travel Centres and establish co-operative funding agreements and campaign activity with Proud Australia and KI Sealink.

In 2003-04 only one external review was conducted. The review examined the viability of increased commercialisation of the Credit

Union Christmas Pageant. The lease on the Pageant's current private-sector premises at Manufacturing Park, Woodville, expires in August 2005. The premises are being redeveloped so the Pageant must relocate. This presented a timely opportunity to review whether the Pageant could be better utilised as a tourism product for the State. External consultants, Economic and Market Development Advisers, were contracted to examine the commercial viability of a series of options, such as whether the premises should be open to the public via a shopfront.

The final report concluded that from a tourism perspective, increased commercialisation is not a viable option. It was recommended that the Pageant should continue to focus on its traditional annual procession, which is a popular and highly-regarded iconic event for South Australia. These recommendations have been accepted by the SATC.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Department for Administrative and Information Services (DAIS) has advised the Department of Education and Children's Services that 2003-04 Asset Fund projects with an estimated value of \$14.16 million were still being completed as of the 30 June 2004.

The delay in the delivery of approved Asset Fund projects is largely due to current Building and Construction Industry market conditions and a lack of available local tradespersons to undertake the work in country locations.

GLOBAL BUDGETS

In reply to Mr SCALZI.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: In 2003 locally managed schools were directly paid a total of \$892 million through the Global Budget. Included in this amount is \$754 million identified as a provision for salaries through the Statement of Resource Entitlement. This represents 85 per cent of the Global Budget allocation to those schools.

PAYROLL TAX

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: There are no savings as payroll tax funding through appropriation will be reduced by the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2004-05 to reflect the lower payroll tax liability.

SCHOOL BUSES, SALE

In reply to Mrs PENFOLD.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: It appears that the honourable member has in fact referred to the 2003-04 Budget Paper 3 page 2.24, which identified a new revenue initiative of \$200 000 in both 2005-06 and 2006-07. These proceeds were additional to those already incorporated in the DECS budget.

TEACHERS

In reply to Mr SCALZI.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The figures referred to by the Honourable Member from the table (DECS) Workforce Summary are estimated full-time equivalent levels (FTEs) as at 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2005.

The breakdown of the figures cited by the honourable member is as follows:

	Estimated as at 30/6/04	Estimated as at 30/6/05
Teachers (includes teachers in schools & pre-schools, TRTs, swimming instructors and hourly paid instructors)	14 036	14 093
Non-Teachers (includes all ancillary staff in sites, PSM Act staff & trainees)	5 264	5 274
	19 300	19 367

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY, CLAIM COSTS

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The DECS budget for 2003-04 and the provision for 2004-05 are \$21.9 million and \$22.5 million

respectively for total Workers Compensation costs. This increase is mainly due to inflation.

FRAUD

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The honourable member is not referring to the 2004-05 Budget Paper 3 page 11.2 as stated. The matter is not raised in that Budget Paper. In fact the information to which the Member refers is listed in Table 19 on Page 107 of the Department of Education and Children's Services Annual Report 2003.

However with regard to the fraud cases as listed in Table 19 on page 107 of the Department of Education and Children's Services Annual Report 2003, I am advised that recovery action is taken in relation to all instances of fraud. The recovery action is dependent on the nature of the fraud, the amount of the fraud and the agency managing the fraud.

CHILD CARE CENTRES, APPLICATIONS

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Licensing and Standards Unit of the Department of Education and Children's Services administers the assessment and approval process for the licensing of centre based long day care. This is an important part of the Government's commitment to ensuring that children are cared for in safe learning and care environments.

Pursuant to the Children's Services (Child Care Centre) Regulations 1998, applicants are required to submit building plans, an Application for the Approval of Premises and an Application for a Licence to conduct a child care centre. A licence is granted when the Director of Children's Services is satisfied that all of requirements have been met, including an offender history check through SAPOL and satisfactory completion of a pre-licence inspection and Manager's test.

The Licensing and Standards Unit has a customer service commitment to assessing plans for extensions and new licences within 20 working days of receipt of all relevant documentation where possible. Prior to the formal assessment and approval process that begins with the receipt of all required documentation, the unit also offers informal, preliminary support to assist prospective licensees in their planning. This can include providing feedback when concept drawings and final plans are ready, as well as other general advice and assistance and ensures an expeditious processing of formal applications when they are received and assists to ensure centres will not be delayed in opening by previously unidentified issues.

At 21 June 2004, 4 applications for extension or opening were in the assessment and approval process. As with all applications, these have been handled promptly. A further 17 were receiving preliminary assistance.

Of these 4 centres:

- 1 was issued a licence on 24 June 2004 and opened on 5 July 2004.
- 1 had a pre-licence inspection on 7 June 2004, but required a second inspection on 13 July to follow-up outstanding matters. A licence was subsequently issued on 15 July to allow the centre to open on 19 July 2004.
- 2 have submitted final plans and application forms for assessment and processing, however, the buildings are not ready for occupation. The pre-licence inspections can only occur once the buildings are complete.

Of the 17 remaining centres currently receiving preliminary support:

- 1 has provided all forms but is awaiting finalisation of building plans before proceeding further.
- 14 have provided draft plans for comment.
- 2 have provided a concept plan for feedback.

Although there is a significant growth in this sector at present, there have been no complaints received by the Licensing and Standards Unit regarding the timeliness of the assessment process. The Unit has received 91 general inquiries about establishing a centre since June 2003.

REPLACEMENT BUSES

In reply to Mrs PENFOLD.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The following bus routes have been identified to date for a progressive allocation of a replacement bus over 2004-05. These allocations will be subject to enrolment verification in Term 3.

Bus No.

1	Indulkana Region	to	Kimba Area School
2	Pinkawillinie	to	Kimba Area School
3	Brooker	to	Karkoo Primary School
4	Copeville	to	East Murray Area School
5	Caliph	to	East Murray Area School
6	Wilcherry	to	Kimba Area School
7	Haslam	to	Miltaburra Area School
8	Nunjikompita	to	Kimba Area School
9	Chilpuddie	to	Karcultaby Area School
(NOTE: subject to enrolment—If not then <i>Chilpenunda to Miltaburra AS.</i>)			
10	Warrambo	to	Wudinna Area School
(NOTE: subject to enrolment—If not then <i>Chinta to Ceduna AS.</i>)			

It is not intended to allocate school buses to all Area Schools regardless of the demographics of the school. School buses are allocated to school bus routes to assist students to get to and from school on a daily basis. This is done in accordance with long established policies and practices that ensure that transport assistance is provided to students by the department on an equitable, consistent and economically efficient basis across the State.

In response to the supplementary question:

Across the State, there is a mixture of contract and departmental buses used to transport students to and from schools. Contract services are generally established after interest is expressed by private operators and after tenders are called in accordance with established government procurement practices. In many places around the State, there are no alternative transport services which could transport students to and from schools. Therefore, where department owned buses now operate, it is usually because there has been no interest expressed by private operators and/or no bus operators available to provide the services.

The acquisition of contracted services is not always the most efficient, effective or responsive option. As part of the larger acquisition plan for the replacement of department owned school buses across the State, consideration is given to the overall provision of school transport services, through a mixture of contract operators and departmental buses. This was the case with the ten buses to be replaced during 2004-05.

STAFFING, MINISTER'S OFFICE

In reply to **Mr SCALZI**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: Treasury appropriation for the Office of the Minister for Education and Children's Services for 2004-05 funds 12 full time equivalent (FTE) positions.

Under this appropriation there has been an increase across the portfolio areas of 3 FTE positions from 2003-04. The Minister's office now includes the additional portfolio of tourism.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OVERSEAS TRAVEL ALLOCATION

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Department of Education and Children's Services' International Education Services Unit compiles statistics on overseas travel on a calendar year basis.

In 2003, these statistics were collected for the former Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) and, therefore, include statistics for State office personnel, school based personnel and TAFE personnel.

The cost to the department includes the salary for the officer for the duration of the overseas travel, as well as the direct costs of travel including airfares, accommodation, per diem allowances, and conference registration fees.

Of the 125 trips referred to by the honourable member, 71 per cent of them were undertaken by school-based staff and a further 18 per cent were undertaken by TAFE institute-based staff, together accounting for 93 per cent of the total financial outlay.

The figures include the salary costs of 17 teachers participating in 12-month overseas exchanges at a total cost of \$927 775.

The salaries component of the costs come from the existing site or directorate budgets. The direct costs associated with travel are funded from within the available goods and services budgets of the site or directorate of the travelling officer.

There is no separate budget line within the department for professional development and conferences involving overseas travel. It is therefore not possible to forecast this expenditure for 2004-05.

WORKCOVER, AUDIT REPORTS

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: WorkCover audit reports were issued to the Department of Education and Children's Services (and former Department of Education, Training and Employment) in July 2000, December 2001 and June 2004 and whilst they are not intended for general distribution I have been advised that the reports are available to the Estimates Committee if required.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, LEGISLATION CHANGE

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: DECS' commitment to child protection is supported by a range of services from different sections of the department. For example, amendments to paedophile restraining laws resulted in DECS working with Police, Attorney-General's Department, non-government school sectors and parent bodies to develop an information package that was then disseminated across the state to all sites.

Other changed child protection related legislation has prompted extensive and sustained staff training programs across DECS. For example, the current requirement that site leaders provide annual update mandatory notification training to their staff and volunteers is one part of DECS' continuing commitment to meet the requirements and support the intent of the Children's Protection Act 1993.

Should the law change in relation to child protection matters, DECS will again liaise with all appropriate government and non-government groups to develop a meaningful response. Where the response requires staff training this will be facilitated through a range of budget lines.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: A total of \$1 882 500 was spent in the 2003-04 financial year on the acquisition of properties. This included among others the purchase of:

- the Burton Primary School site which was previously leased from the Salisbury Council
- the St Phillips Preschool site which was previously leased from the Anglican Church; and
- land adjacent to 4 school sites which came onto the market during the year.

Approximately \$350 000 has been allocated for sites previously identified for acquisition and which are likely to proceed to settlement in 2004.

It is usual that as sites come on the market during the course of the year they will be acquired where it is deemed necessary.

AREA SCHOOL MAINTENANCE, EYRE PENINSULA

In reply to **Mrs PENFOLD**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Department of Education and Children's Services has allocated \$12 million state wide for urgent maintenance projects. The 2004-05 maintenance program is currently being prepared and sites will be advised of the Asset Funding program outcome in September 2004. Each of the twelve area schools has been asked to forward their priorities for funding as part of the statewide program.

Furthermore in excess of \$1 million maintenance funding has been approved across each of the 12 area schools on the Eyre Peninsula for minor capital works relating directly to ongoing maintenance issues.

DECS has collaborated with the coordinating District Principal for the 12 area schools to address the issue of identifying licensed contractors able to deliver previously approved projects on time, especially in isolated locations. Local licensed suppliers have been identified to increase the level of resources available for the completion of this work and the Department for Administrative and Information Services has engaged an additional employee to assist with project delivery.

In some instances delays have been encountered due to unforeseen problems. Repairs on the air-conditioning system at the Tumby Bay Area School were severely hampered when it was discovered that the power source driving the system needed to be upgraded to ensure that the air-conditioning can function to its full potential. Further funding has been provided to address this issue.

In addition to our commitment to the maintenance of school sites we have directed significant additional funds to major capital works for the Eyre District Area schools. These include:

- Ceduna Area School—\$3.9 million redevelopment of the school including 10 new classrooms, school community library, landscaping and removal of surplus DEMAC transportable accommodation
- Cleve Area School—\$680 000 for major improvement to existing administration and staff facilities incorporating earthquake resistance work and structural repairs
- Cowell, St Paul's Kindergarten—\$654 700A for relocation, refurbishment and asbestos removal of a triple DEMAC building to meet current standards. These works are currently under construction and are anticipated for completion in August 2004
- Elliston Area School—\$912 428 allocated to address an accidental fire. Two transportable buildings placed on site to relieve accommodation pressures. Construction for a replacement facility is due to commence on 29 July 2004 with completion anticipated by December 2004. It includes provision for multi function

specialist teaching spaces and a technology-based workshop to provide a new concept in secondary specialist facilities based in an Area School as a trial for future accommodation provision.

CONSULTANTS

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:

South Australian Tourism Commission

The South Australian Tourism Commission has used only one consultant in 2003-04, namely Economic and Market Development Advisers. The consultant examined the viability of increased commercialisation of the Credit Union Christmas Pageant. The cost of the consultancy totalled \$15 000 and the appointment was made through a selective tender process.

Adelaide Convention Centre

The Adelaide Convention Centre has advised that there was no expenditure on consultants in 2003-04.

Adelaide Entertainment Centre

Date	Consultant	Description Services	Amount
31-Jul	Swanbury Penglase	FRC Replacement	\$ 5,740.00
27-Oct	Rann Communication	Strategic Marketing Services	\$13,365.00
19-Jan	Breakthrough Consulting	Design and Delivery of Board Workshop	\$ 9,690.00
27-Feb	GHD	Advice on Building/Construction Safety	\$11,331.00
30-Jun	Rushton Group	Valuation of Site for Year End	\$ 6,000.00

Method of appointment—Offers received in writing in accordance with Treasurer's Instructions 8: Expenditure for Supply Operations and other Goods and Services, Section 16, 17.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mrs HALL**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: Treasurer's Accounting Policy Statement 13 defines consultants and contractors as:

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

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

South Australian Tourism Commission

No contractors have been previously classed as consultants.

Adelaide Convention Centre

No contractors have been previously classed as consultants.

Adelaide Entertainment Centre

No contractors have been previously classed as consultants.

SCHOOLS, ALDGATE PRIMARY

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: As the member was advised by the previous Minister for Education and Children's Services, there was a delay in 2003 in commencing the feasibility study. I am advised that this delay was due to a reorganisation of the officers responsible for this project.

The study has now been completed.

STIRLING KINDERGARTEN TENANCY

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Stirling Kindergarten building is situated on land that is jointly owned with Child and Youth Health. The play area and car parking utilised by the kindergarten are located on land owned by Adelaide Hills Council.

No lease agreement exists between the department and council and therefore the kindergarten has no legal right to occupy the land.

A meeting was held with Adelaide Hills Council on 18 June 2004 to discuss the possibility of the Department acquiring the land. Council have since advised in a letter that they will not agree to selling the land and "have no alternative but to request the kindergarten vacate the land being encroached on".

DECS is presently consulting with the kindergarten director and governing council, as well as Child and Youth Health regarding all available options. DECS will also seek further meetings with council.

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM

In reply to **Mr SCALZI**.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The *Learning Together* programs have been established in five identified areas of disadvantage and the percentage of families from a non-English speaking background involved in those programs are as follows:

Learning Together Location	No. of NESB Families Estimated 70%
Carlton Aboriginal School	Up to 10%
Enfield Primary School	
Fraser Pk CPC to Year 7 School	5%
Para West Adult Re entry Campus	4%
Christie Downs/O'Sullivan Beach	0%

Learning Together programs are open to any families from the local community. While specific groups from the community are not targeted, particular activities may be developed to meet the needs of different groups of families in individual *Learning Together* programs. For example, the program at Enfield Primary School and CAFÉ Enfield (Children and Families Everywhere—a complementary Commonwealth funded program) have worked in collaboration with agencies such as Child and Youth Health to provide specific activities for refugee families such as a sewing group for Sudanese woman and an Afghani playgroup. Consultation is currently occurring with newly arrived African families about what sort of activities they would like to be involved in.

BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Minister for Transport has provided the following information:

The establishment of a state Black Spot Program was announced on 11 July 2002, and funded in the 2002-03 and subsequent budgets. This program is available for both state and local government roads, and represents an important partnership by State and Local Government to address high-risk crash locations on South Australia's roads.

In 2003 a new joint funding arrangement between State and Local Government was established to fund black spot upgrades on local roads. This new initiative, known as 'Safer Local Roads Program', secured a 25 per cent share of the total State Black Spot funding for application to local roads. Local Government contributes

to these projects, and the collegiate approach to this initiative saw a 25 per cent contribution by Local Government in 2003-04. This has subsequently increased to 33 per cent in 2004-05, demonstrating the importance of this program to South Australia's councils.

It is this increase in support from 2003-04 to 2004-05 by Local Government, through an increased contribution, that has delivered the offsetting State figure that is referred to within the State Budget Papers.

It is important to understand that the Safer Local Roads Program, part of the State Black Spot Program, will see an overall increase of \$.100 million in 2004-05 (\$.2.43 million) to that of the 2003-04 (\$.2.33 million) program.

The state government reiterates its commitment to road safety, and the state Black Spot Program is just one of many interventions that are necessary to ensure we reduce human loss and injury on our roads.

MOBILE PHONE TOWERS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Minister for Urban Development and Planning has provided the following information:

My department does not provide financial assistance to local councils to dispute the erection of mobile phone towers in residential areas, and there is no expenditure allocated in the 2004-05 budget for this purpose.

PRICKLY PEAR

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

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Minister for Environment and Conservation has provided the following information:

The Minister is aware of the problems posed by prickly pears, notably the wheel cactus species, and other weeds in the Blinman area.

All prickly pear species, along with weeds such as boxthorn, are proclaimed for enforced control under the *Animal and Plant Control (Agricultural Protection and Other Purposes) Act, 1986*. Wheel cactus is recognised as the most difficult to control of the prickly pear species in South Australia because it has a thick skin that reduces the impact of herbicides and biological control agents that have controlled other species.

Various prickly pear species were introduced to the area by landholders over 100 years ago, and are now scattered over the Blinman and Parachilna Gorge areas. Seed is spread by birds, as demonstrated by the plants that can be seen growing on inaccessible cliffs in the Flinders Ranges.

The Animal and Plant Control Commission, which is associated with the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, has trialled herbicides at Gum Creek Station south of Blinman and has developed effective control techniques using triclopyr herbicides e.g. Garlon® or Grazon®.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: From October 2002 there are two recorded instances of staff with specific expertise leaving the agency and being replaced by a contractor or consultant. In both instances this was due to the highly specialised skills needed for the role that were not available in the Public Sector at the time.

AUSTRALIAN GRAIN TECHNOLOGIES

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: Australian Grain Technologies Pty Ltd (AGT) was established in April 2002 as a joint enterprise between the South Australian government, operating through the South Australian Research & Development Institute (SARDI), the University of Adelaide and the Grains Research and Development

Corporation. The creation of AGT was part of a program for national rationalisation of the Australian wheat breeding programs.

The operations of AGT are subject to a company shareholders' agreement and constitution. AGT is overseen by a board of governance. The South Australian government's interests on this board are addressed through its representative (Dr Rob Lewis, Executive Director, SARDI). In addition, the government has established a governance and reporting framework to ensure the government, through the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, is kept appropriately informed of AGT's activities and performance, whilst providing for its nominated director to meet its obligations to the company under Corporations Law. This framework also provides for the nomination of a company under the corporations law. This framework also provides for the nomination of a shareholder member (Mr Jim Hallion, CE PIRSA) whose principal responsibility is to represent the shareholder 'Minister' at the annual general meeting, as well as a designated shareholder's agent (Mr Don Plowman, Director, Research and Development SARDI) who has responsibility for monitoring the activities and performance of AGT and providing independent advice to the minister in matters such as risk, financial, policy and legal issues as required. In addition, all agreements created to establish the company were scrutinised and endorsed by crown law. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, also receives personal advice from the board through a board delegation led by the Chairman of AGT, once or twice per year.

The South Australian government's financial and other commitments to AGT are defined in the shareholder's agreement and comprise:

- quarterly cash payments of \$152 500 over five (5) years for a total of \$3 050 000;
- contribution of intellectual property valued at \$575 500;
- transfer of plant and equipment valued at \$543 840; and
- provision of leased facilities valued at \$318 928.

Since its inception, AGT has emerged as being acknowledged as one of the leading and most efficient wheat breeding programs in Australia. This is exactly what AGT was established for, ensuring efficient breeding of relevant varieties for the Australian wheat industry, as reflected in AGT's statement of intent 'Better Varieties Faster'.

STATE FOOD PLAN

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The audit of the State Food Plan and Program 2001-04 has been completed and was presented to the Premier's Food Council on 4 June 2004. Industry leaders are currently reviewing the "Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the State Food Plan and Program 2001-04." A summary of the audit findings will be made public along with the new State Food Plan to ensure transparency in government and demonstrate how the new plan reflects what we have learned over the last three years.

This audit was part of the planning process for the next State Food Plan 2004-07. However, the key to the planning process was a Food Summit, consisting of 74 leaders in the food industry, held on the 18th and 19th of March and supplemented by six regional meetings involving a variety of industry leaders who added their input into the Summit findings. The Summit outcomes are publicly available from Food South Australia and incorporate both the lessons learned from the last State Food Plan and the government and industry-identified priorities for the next three years.

The state government has committed \$5.4 million over the next three years for the State Food Plan and includes a new SA Food Centre to deliver priority initiatives designed to assist the food industry to grow to \$15 billion in value by 2010.

The final allocation in each of the next three years exceeds the budget for 2003-04, as summarised in the table below:

	2003-04 \$m	2004-05 \$m	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m
ex-DBMT Budget	1 473	-	-	-
New State Funding (04/05 Budget)	-	2 000	1 800	1 600
Existing State Funding	1 582	1 582	1 582	1 582
Total State Funding	3 055	3 582	3 382	3 182

Expenditures associated with the delivery of the State Food Plan 2004-07 are incorporated under Sub-program 12.1 Facilitation Planning Services and Sub-program 12.2 Trade and Market Services.

The State Food Plan, 2004-2007 is a new program rather than a continuation of an old program.

The new program consists of four delivery strategies:

- The implementation of the South Australian Food Centre, which is the principal delivery mechanism and is a three-way partnership between the State Government, industry food groups and Regional Development Boards.
- The implementation of the National Cold Chain Centre in partnership with the South Australian Freight Council.
- The Design and implementation of "Food Innovation, SA" with industry and R&D providers to stimulate a culture of innovation and to develop new products and processes.
- The creation of a joint Government-Industry Task Force to simplify food-industry related regulatory requirements and

to address other Government-related barriers to food industry development.

Due to other commitments, to date I have only been able to attend one meeting of the Premier's Food Council. Where I have been unable to attend, I have always been represented by Departmental officers and Ministerial staff.

CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries has provided the following information:

Agriculture, Food and Fisheries within Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) have employed 17 consultancies at a cost of \$202k to 31 May 2004. Details of these consultancies are provided in the table below.

Consultant	Purpose	\$'000	Method
TCG	Provision of specialised R&D commercialisation services	58	Tender/Expression of Interest
Twin Rocks Enterprises	Market development Finfish & Shellfish	20	Tender/Expression of Interest
Standards Australia	Aust Quality Control – Business Excellence Review	20	Federal Govt Standards
EconSearch Pty Ltd	Economic Impact of Drought Water Restrictions	18	Tender/Expression of Interest
Valcorp Australia	Plant and equipment valuation	17	Tender/Expression of Interest
GEI Consulting Engineers	Preliminary site assessment/modelling of energy delivery (Commercial Projects Unit)	17	Waiver of Competitive Process
Wendy Davidson Enterprises	State Food Plan Evaluation Project	12	Tender/Expression of Interest
Mcphee Andrewartha	Employee Counselling Services	10	Tender/Expression of Interest
EconSearch Pty Ltd	Economic impact analysis of aquaculture activities within SA	8	Waiver of Tender due to repeat of procurement process
Davidson Viticultural Consulting	Reclaimed Effluent Water – Langhorne Creek	6	Selected Tender
AgriLink	Required technical input	5	Quote obtained
University of SA	Cyanobacterium impacts	4	Quote obtained
OCAR	Employee Counselling Services	3	Tender/Expression of Interest
Cognition	Employee Counselling Services	1	Tender/Expression of Interest
Mercer Human Resource Consulting	Evaluation and classification advice for Senior position	1	Quote obtained
Bower Place	Employee Counselling Services	1	Quote obtained
Bakjac Consulting	Employee Counselling Services	1	Quote obtained
Total to 31 May 2004		202	

The Minister for State/Local Government Relations has provided the following information:

The following consultants have been appointed by me to form the Independent Reference Group in order to advise on the work undertaken by the Ministers' Local Government Forum:

Consultant	Value	Service Provided
Norman Waterhouse	\$ 6,050.00	Minister's Local Government Forum - Independent Reference Group
Optimum Consulting	\$ 4,578.20	Minister's Local Government Forum - Independent Reference Group
Total	\$ 10,628.20	

The Minister for Forests has provided the following information:

Consultant Name	Method of Appointment	Scope of Work	Cost \$
Jigsaw Services	Direct contract—consultant had previous knowledge of Forestry SA	Scoping work in relation to integrated budgeting and forecasting model	6,262.47
Minter Ellison	Direct Contract—continuation of previous engagement	Advice regarding ForestrySA legal register	5,778.83
JP Management Consulting (Asia-Pacific) Pty Ltd	Selective request to quote	Advice on timber supply agreements	10,000

ABALONE

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Central Zone of the South Australian Abalone Fishery extends from meridian 136°30'E to meridian 139°E (east of Port Neill and west of the Murray Mouth). Within this Zone, six licence holders each currently may harvest 7950kg of greenlip and 2350kg of blacklip abalone (meat weight). This equates to a total annual harvest of approximately 186 tonne (whole weight).

The majority of the greenlip abalone catch (> 95 per cent in 2001) is harvested from Tiparra Reef (fishing areas 21A-G). Historical data and recent anecdotal evidence suggests that stocks of greenlip abalone exist in the coastal waters off Cowell. This fishing area encompasses commercial fishery logbook map codes 21J and 20C.

In May 2003, the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries endorsed a proposal from the Abalone Fishery Management Committee for a research program to evaluate the distribution and abundance of greenlip abalone off Cowell. The Project is being conducted by Primary Industries and Resources SA and the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), in association with the Abalone Industry Association of SA (AIASA).

The aims of the Project are to provide PIRSA with information on the distribution and abundance of greenlip abalone in the coastal waters off Cowell. The six specific objectives of the project are:

- To determine the spatial distribution of greenlip abalone in map codes 21J and 20C.
- To estimate growth rates and size at maturity of greenlip abalone in map codes 21J and 20C.
- To detail the size-frequency distribution of greenlip abalone in map codes 21J and 20C.
- To assess the catch rates of greenlip abalone by commercial divers in map codes 21J and 20C.
- To compare and contrast the observed catch rates to other fishing areas in the Central and Western Zones.
- To determine the size-frequency distribution and sex ratio of commercially harvested greenlip abalone from map codes 21J and 20C.

The feasibility fishing portion of the Project was undertaken by SARDI, with the assistance of Central Zone licence holders from 17 May 2004 to 3 June 2004. SARDI is currently analysing the data collected and will present a report for consideration by the Abalone Fishery Management Committee in December 2004.

The extent of the resource is largely unknown, but the project will provide additional information on this area. There has been some fishing activity by Central Zone licence holders in this area in the past, but the additional research information will enable more refined management of the area.

In relation to the future allocation of access to the resource, there is currently no proposal to create a separate commercial fishery or zone. Allocation to Aboriginal persons, or anyone else, has therefore not been considered as part of this research project. The current regulations for the abalone fisheries restrict access through commercial licences to the existing licence holders.

In relation to Aboriginal access to commercial fisheries generally, there is currently a State-wide process being undertaken to negotiate all native title claims involving fisheries and aquaculture issues. These negotiations are taking place through a Fisheries and Aquaculture Sidetable, which has been established under what is known as the Main Table for the Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA) process, and involves native title representative bodies and the fisheries and aquaculture industries. The Sidetable is in the process of developing a template agreement to be used in relation to all claims across the State that involve fishing issues, however agreements are yet to be negotiated at the local level. Aboriginal access to commercial fishery licences will be considered within that process.

SARDI BUDGET

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The direct operating budget for SARDI in 2004-05 is estimated at \$47.1 million.

\$14.1 million or 30 per cent is provided directly from State Government appropriation with a further \$8.4 million or 18 per cent funded by revenue from fees, charges and sales raised as part of State

operations, including a share of fishing licence receipts. The remaining \$24.6 million or 52 per cent is provided from a combination of major research corporations and commercial receipts.

MEDICS

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The medic variety FEH-1 was developed during 1999 by the University of Adelaide and the Co-operative Research Centre (CRC) for Weed Management in collaboration with SARDI. Cash and in-kind funding was provided by the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the CRC for Weed Management, the University of Adelaide and SARDI. The variety was developed through a mutation of an existing variety and exhibits potentially useful levels of tolerance to sulfonylurea (SU) herbicides.

A key part of the development of the FEH-1 project is the involvement of an industry initiated Advisory Committee. This Committee first met in May 2002 and gave support for the further development of FEH-1 as a SU tolerant medic cultivar. It recommended project direction and more specific issues be addressed by the formation of an ongoing FEH-1 Crop Management Committee. The project was further developed and has an expected completion date of 30 June 2006. If the variety proves satisfactory, public release would be expected sometime in 2007-08.

The approach of GRDC and the FEH-1 Crop Management Committee is not to release FEH-1 without a comprehensive evaluation of its benefits and risks as is being undertaken through this project. As with any new germplasm, FEH-1 needs to be properly tested in the field under the types of conditions that farmers will be seeking to use it in. This includes characterising the tolerance of FEH-1 to SU residues, evaluating its agronomic performance compared to existing medic varieties and evaluating herbicide options for its control when not in a pasture phase.

It should also be noted that no new cultivars (be they wheat, barley, lucerne etc) are released before extensive field (and glasshouse) evaluation has validated their merit and they do in fact represent an improvement and will perform accordingly. Any plant whether developed by genetic engineering, mutagenesis or natural selection that exhibits herbicide tolerance or resistance must be very carefully evaluated prior to release. The arrangements for evaluation and release of FEH-1 reflect this higher than usual duty of care. Early in the development of FEH-1 the University of Adelaide and SARDI decided to protect the variety by obtaining Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR). Documentation (Part 1) was lodged with the PBR Office and accepted on 17 December 2000. Under the PBR Act, acceptance confers provisional protection pending submission of further details (Part 2) before PBR is formally granted. Following acceptance, a comparative or Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) trial, as required under the PBR Act, was attempted in 2001. For technical reasons, aspects of this trial were repeated in 2002. The Part 2 documentation was subsequently lodged with the PBR Office in April 2004 following successful completion of the DUS trials.

With regard to the proposed release of blue-green aphid resistant burr medics, they have not proven advantageous over current cultivars following field evaluations in two states over several years. SARDI and its research/industry partners (as collaborators in the National Annual Pasture Legume Improvement Program) jointly took the decision not to proceed with these varieties.

ROSEWORTHY, TURRETFIELD AND NURIOOPTA

In reply to **Mr VENNING**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN:

Activities by Location
Roseworthy

SARDI, PIRSA and Rural Solutions have staff collocated on the University of Adelaide Roseworthy Campus. The headquarters for the SARDI Livestock Systems group, the Pig & Poultry Production Institute, and the SARDI Livestock Breeding & Genetics are located at the Roseworthy Campus. The Livestock Molecular Biology research groups are also located at Roseworthy. In addition, the South Australian node of the Australian Poultry Cooperative Research Centre Pty Ltd is based at Roseworthy.

The Roseworthy Information Centre is operated by Rural Solutions SA and is PIRSA's distribution hub for marketing information products to the farming community. The Roseworthy Information Centre's catalogue contains approximately 1 000 fact sheets, leaflets, books, videos, software and other information products that are supplied to rural communities via phone, fax, email

or online order service from the PIRSA web site, or via PIRSA's network of regional offices. Two consultants are engaged in this activity.

Rural Solutions SA has four members of its Livestock team operating from the Roseworthy Campus. These consultants are industry change specialists for the lamb and pig industries. Major activities include marketing support, industry development and preparation and delivery of a range of training programs aimed at improving management techniques and food integrity.

Rural Solutions SA also has a consultant at Roseworthy who is redeveloping training programs for viticulture, pastoral zone and cereal/grazing industries. This consultant will assist in facilitating these training programs after development is completed.

Turretfield

The Turretfield Research Centre is the focus for substantial sheep reproduction and genetics research for the SARDI Livestock Systems group, and for SARDI field crops research, particularly oat breeding and pastures research and development. Significant land and research resources at Turretfield are committed to the SARDI Merino Selection Demonstration Flock project, a program funded by Australian Wool Innovation Ltd (AWI) and recently described by AWI as one of their "flagship" programs. This centre also is the headquarters for the sheep antibody production and processing activities of Protherics Australasia Pty Ltd.

There are no Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Division or Rural Solutions SA people at Turretfield.

Nuriootpa

The Nuriootpa site has one of SARDI's main viticulture field research facilities, with one senior research scientist and two farm staff based at the centre. Research programs are principally centred on irrigation, soil management and disease control. The SARDI grape germplasm collection and multiplication rows of selected varieties are maintained on site. All activities are of an on-going nature with regular replanting of new vineyards for experimental resources and for testing improved technologies.

The Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Division of PIRSA has an Animal Health Officer based at Nuriootpa office providing animal health regulatory and surveillance services in the lower North district. Regulatory services include market surveillance, property and company audits for compliance with the ruminant feed ban and swill feeding of pigs provisions under the Livestock Act 1997, and assistance with control of endemic livestock diseases. Targeted surveillance activity is also carried out to support the Animal Disease Surveillance program, which collects and analyses field and laboratory data on livestock disease to support market access and public health activities. The Animal Health Officer also assists with monitoring and investigations of animal welfare.

The Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Division also has a Principal Industry Consultant, Field Crop Industries to promote the sustainable economic development of the field crops industry sector. The position is responsible for:

- developing vision and directions for the field crops industry
- providing expertise and advice on legislation and policy relating to the field crops industry
- managing priority programs and projects to achieve strategic objectives of the Program
- monitoring risks and opportunities to the field crops industry in South Australia
- representing the agency position on state and national committees
- enhancing the implementation of policy by building and maintaining a network of working partnerships with government agencies and industry bodies at national and state levels.

Rural Solutions SA has nine people based at Nuriootpa:

- Two consultants are involved in supporting field crop industries primarily through provision of Grains Research and Development Corporation funded education and extension programs for grain growers, and the development of associated supporting materials.
- One consultant provides specialist advisory services in the areas of crop and pasture pests, diseases, nutrition and use of fertilisers and spraying.
- Four consultants deliver services associated with catchment planning, dry land salinity, water use efficiency and land management. Specific activities include salinity mapping, technical support to Natural Resource Management bodies, and support for aeronautical geophysical surveys.
- Two people are engaged to support the office and provide a front counter service to the public. This includes dissemination of PIRSA information products.

Future nature of the activities:

All SARDI and Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Division activities at Roseworthy, Turretfield and Nuriootpa are ongoing in nature.

Rural Solutions SA is a Government business that is accountable for all of the revenue and costs associated with its activities. Rural Solutions SA continually monitors the regional delivery requirements of Government agencies, industry, regional bodies and commercial customers to assess the current and future need for placing its consultants at, and delivering services from, particular locations. Service delivery requirements will inevitably change from time to time due to changes in Government and industry funded programs and commercial business demand.

Consequently, whilst Rural Solutions SA puts significant priority on maintaining and growing services from these centres, particular activities are subject to change and cannot be considered on-going in nature.

Utilisation of facilities

Most of the facilities utilised by SARDI, Rural Solutions SA and the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Division at these locations are effectively fully utilised.

At Turretfield, there is a high demand for all land and related resources to support animal research and development and within the normal project funding cycles these resources are fully utilised.

Some land at Nuriootpa which was unsuitable for viticulture research was recently sold and the proceeds used to plant more vines.

The facilities at Nuriootpa centre are utilised for research programs and industry service/resources purposes, and they are also regularly used by other research organisations such as Adelaide University, CSIRO and the Australian Wine Research Institute for field trials and wine grape samples.

FUEL LEVY

In reply to **Mrs PENFOLD**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Minister for Federal/State Relations has provided the following information:

The fund to which the member for Flinders refers was entitled the 'State-Local Government Reform Fund' and was closed with effect from 1 July 2000.

There was no impact on the State Budget arising from the closure of the fund nor were there any impacts on local government budgets. Long standing programs such as the free water concession to the City of Adelaide and the City of Port Adelaide Enfield remained unchanged.

In 1992, the then government increased the rates of duty payable on petroleum products with the additional revenue being made available to meet state government expenditure on 'local government type' programs. The State-Local Government Reform Fund was established to receive the amounts collected by imposition of the levy. The primary purpose of the State-Local Government Reform Fund was to support constructive changes in the relative roles and responsibilities of state and local government. This was based on the proposition that selected functions of the state government should be devolved to local government. In the event, minimal devolution occurred.

The fund's future in a technical sense was affected by the High Court decision in 1997 that state-levied fuel taxes were unconstitutional. Replacement revenues were secured for several years by a surcharge on Commonwealth petrol taxes. Subsequently, national taxation reforms effective from 1 July 2000 meant that the state was not able to arrange a dedicated source of revenue for the fund.

In these circumstances, after consultation with the Local Government Association, the government closed the fund and reverted to providing funding for individual programs under relevant agency budget appropriations. This improved the transparency of individual programs in the state budget papers and ensured that accountability for programs was more clearly located.

The Waterworks Act 1932 provides for the free supply of water for public purposes, primarily for parks and gardens, to the City of Adelaide and the City of Port Adelaide Enfield (for that area covered by the original Port Adelaide Council of 1882).

It is understood that the provision relates to an arrangement negotiated in 1871 as part of a compensation package associated with council contributions for water infrastructure works.

SURPLUS LAND, GLENSIDE

In reply to **Mr WILLIAMS**.

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN: The Minister for Mineral Resources Development has provided the following information:

The property identified for disposal, is a parcel of Crown Land and a heritage building known as 'Z Ward' on Conyngham Street at Glenside.

The land and 'Z Ward' was previously used by PIRSA for storage, and it has been vacant for some time.

The surplus land is part of a larger allotment incorporating the Glenside Core Library occupied by PIRSA and part leased to the Department of Water, Land Biodiversity and Conservation.

A draft plan of division has been prepared, allowing for the retention of the Core Library with all services and operating personnel, and the release of 'Z Ward' and the surrounding vacant land. The land will be disposed of through processes set out in Cabinet Circular 114.