HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

15 to 17 and 20 to 22 June 2005

JOHN SPOEHR

In reply to Hon I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: In relation to the Question without Notice asked during Estimates on 15 June 2005, regarding consultancies for Mr. John Spoehr, I provide the following information:

I am advised the amount in question consists of three signed agreements with the University of Adelaide for the conduct of certain research.

John Spoehr was the Chief Investigator under these research agreements.

The State's role in these proposals is as an 'Eligible Industry Partner' and in this capacity it provided cash and in-kind contributions to the collaborative research effort provided for in the research agreement.

- From the draft funding applications it is evident that the State cash contribution was to support research associates, a stipend for an Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI) Postgraduate Research Student, web page construction and development, personal computers, and travels costs. The in-kind support related to the provision of staff and office space.
- Costs of the research contribution of John Spoehr were to be met by the University of Adelaide, not the State Government or the ARC.

I am advised that from the available information, the total cash and in-kind support provided by the State Government for the three research agreements mentioned in the Shadow Treasurer's media release of 15 June 2005, totalled \$578 568 over three years (inclusive of GST) and \$569 268 exclusive of GST. Matched funding received from the Commonwealth body, the Australian Research Council (ARC) totals \$344 014. A breakdown (inclusive of GST) is included in Table 1. State Government support comprised:

- · \$102 300 in cash; and
- \$476 268 of in-kind contributions. Details of the in-kind support provided are included in Attachments A, B and C; and
- · \$344 014 in matched funds from the ARC.

Table 1: State Government support (three year totals including GST)				
	Cash	In-kind	Total	ARC funding
A spatially sensitive approach to understanding the impact of public expenditure on social inclusion	33,000	90,000	123,000	119,988
Towards an understanding of the relationship between creative capital and regional economic and employment development	19,800	56,268	76,068	70,668
Demographic change, ageing and the workforce: an integrated model to inform workforce development and planning in Australia	49,500	330,000	379,500	153,358
Total	102,300	476,268	578,568	344,014

CONSULTANCIES, PREPAYMENTS

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The issue of prepaying consultancies has been investigated and I am advised that no prepayments were made in June 2002.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT STATEMENT

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I am advised that the increase in the total estimated cost of the Port River Expressway project from \$136 million to \$178 million can be attributed to the following factors:

The original estimate of \$136 million made by the former Department of Transport and Urban Planning (DTUP) was based on June 2003 dollars. Design and Construct contract costs have increased due to a number of large projects on the eastern seaboard. This buoyant construction market and higher cost of some materials such as steel, which is being affected by high demand from China, has resulted in higher than anticipated construction costs. This increase in estimated costs is occurring in most road projects in Australia due to these changing market conditions; and

Design and Construct contract costs have also increased due to a more detailed scope of road and rail works, compared with the scope of road and rail works estimated in the \$136 million estimate. Examples of this are the changes in rail signalling systems, failsafe bridge safety systems and complexities of the dual gauge turnouts and common rail changeovers required for the project.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FINANCES

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Commonwealth Treasurer has said he welcomes the offer of the Treasurers of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and the Northern Territory for alternative abolition schedules for the IGA taxes, but as yet no formal response has been received.

The proposed schedule for each of the five States is attached. These are the timetables released at the time of announcement and, for all States except the ACT, subsequently confirmed in State Budget Papers.

The South Australian timetable reflects the bringing forward of the abolition of mortgage duty on refinancing and residential loans for owner occupation from 1 January 2006 to 1 July 2005.

Timetable for each State

	Timetable for each state					
	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Australian Capital Territory	Northern Territory
2005-06		100% Lease Duty and Credit Busi- ness Duty—1 Jan 2006	(Part) Mortgage Duty—1 Jul 2005			100% of Electronic Debits Tax (included in IGA Cheque Duty Totals)
2006-07	100% of Rental Duty—1 Jan 2007	100% of Hire Duty and Market- able Securities Duty—1 Jan 2007	100% of Other minor duties (nei)	50% of Mortgage Duty	100% of Non- Realty Conveyan- ces	100% of Mar- ketable Securities Duty and Lease Duties

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	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Tasmania	Australian Capital Territory	Northern Territory
2007-08		50% of Mortgage Duty—1 Jan 2008	33% Rental Duty and (remaining) Mortgage Duty	100% of Mortgage Duty	100% of Rental Duty	100% of Rental Duty
2008-09		100% of Mortgage Duty—1 Jan 2009	67% Rental Duty and (remaining) Mortgage Duty	100% of Non- Realty Conveyan- ces		
2009-10		50% of Non-Real- ty Conveyances— 1 Jan 2010	100% Rental Duty and (remaining) Mortgage Duty 50% of Non- Realty Conveyan- ces and Market- able Securities Duty		100% of Lease Duty	100% of Non- Realty Conveyan- ces
2010-11		100% of Non- Realty Conveyan- ces—1 Jan 2011	100% of Non- Realty Conveyan- ces and Market- able Securities Duty		100% of Market- able Securities Duty	
Taxes alre	eady abolished					
	- Mortgage Duty	- Rental Duty (partial)	- Lease Duty	- Lease Duty and other minor duties	- Mortgage Duty (never had)	- Mortgage Duty (never had)
	- Lease Duty and other minor duties		- Mortgage Duty (partial)	- Rental Duty		
	- Marketable Securities Duty		- Cheque Duty	- Marketable Securities Duty		
	- Non-Realty Conveyances					

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR

In reply to Mr GOLDSWORTHY.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: Prior to the 2002-03 Budget the focus of the State Budget was the non commercial sector. All general government organisations were considered to be part of the noncommercial sector. Financial Statements for the non-commercial sector were last presented in the 2002-03 Budget and the composition of the non-commercial sector at that time appears at Appendix E of the 2002-03 Budget Statement.

The non-commercial sector was a construct unique to South Australia. It had no basis in the Australian Bureau of Statistics Government Finance Statistics framework.

Since the 2002-03 Budget the primary budget sector has been the general government sector as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The current composition of the general government sector appears at Appendix D of the 2005-06 Budget Statement.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Consolidated Account is created pursuant to the Public Finance and Audit Act, 1987; it records the receipts and payments of the Crown.

The Public Finance and Audit Act also provides for the existence of deposit accounts through which agencies conduct their operations. The balances of these deposit accounts are invested with the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA).

Agency own source revenues flow into deposit accounts, as do the receipts from certain Commonwealth specific purpose payments.

The Consolidated Account does not provide a complete picture of general government operations because the payments and receipts of agencies are managed through their deposit accounts.

The consolidated general government financial statements as published in Appendix A of the 2005-06 Budget Statement provide a complete picture of general government operations.

The estimates for the consolidated general government balance sheet published in Table A.4 of the 2005-06 Budget Statement show that in 2005-06 deposits with SAFA are expected to grow by

\$94 million offsetting the \$84 million estimated borrowing from SAFA to fund Consolidated Account operations.

Consolidated Account results since 1998-99 and projected forward to 2005-06 are:

Year	\$ million
1998-99	400.5 deficit
1999-2000	217.5 deficit
2000-01	150.8 deficit
2001-02	119.8 deficit
2002-03	443.6 surplus
2003-04	329.5 surplus
2004-05 (Estimate)	338.2 surplus
2005-06 (Estimate)	84.3 deficit

Consolidated Account surpluses are applied to repay debt with SAFA.

TREASURY CONSOLIDATED ITEMS

In reply to Mr GOLDSWORTHY.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Cash Alignment Policy introduced during 2003-04 requires agencies to return Consolidated Account cash balances in excess of their working capital requirements.

At the time of the 2005-06 Budget it was expected that \$331.8 million would be transferred to Consolidated Account comprising:

- \$157.5 million payment to Government recorded as an expense;
- \$129.7 million repayment of equity contributions; and
- \$44.6 million in dividend distributions.

These estimated payments, which are in accordance with the Cash Alignment Policy, are reflected in the cash flow statement for the Department of Treasury and Finance Administered Items.

DECS, ESTIMATE OF LIABILITY

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Department for Education and Children's Services recognises that there is a significant liability for long service leave for casual employees including Temporary Relieving Teachers and Hourly Paid Instructors backdated to

1 January 1978 and School Bus Drivers backdated to 10 March 1994. At this stage the Department is unable to provide estimates of the liability of the leave due to the significant workload involved in dealing with the circumstances of up to 40 000 employees.

The Department is currently dealing with claims on a case-bycase basis and is looking at strategies to quantify the liability.

FTEs, AVERAGE COST

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: Agency budgets are not developed on the basis of estimated movements in the average cost of full time equivalents. Hence, forecasts of average cost of employees are not a parameter used in budget development.

Estimates of employee entitlements are made on the basis of actual salary levels for employees and actual employee numbers published by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.

DHS, CONSULTANTS

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I provide the following information concerning the cost of the consultancy work Ernst and Young provided in relation to (the then) Department of Human Services

- The total cost for the consultancy work conducted by Ernst and Young was \$561 919 (GST Inclusive).
- Ernst and Young was contracted to undertake the consultancy work in February 2004.
- The key findings of the Ernst and Young Financial Management Review were the significant deficiencies in the past financial management of (the then) DHS.
- The Review took significantly longer than expected. The primary reason for this was the lack of comparable and reliable financial records available to:
 - evaluate the financial management and budget processes employed by (the then) DHS; and
 - examine the performance of DHS against its formal budget allocation over the years 1998-99 to 2002-03.

MARION SWIMMING POOL

In reply to **Hon. I.F. EVANS. The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** An Expression of Interest for the private sector to build, own and operate the Marion Swim Centre was issued in February 2004 by the Office for Recreation and Sport. The Government was advised at the time that a subsidy of \$0.5 million per annum should be sufficient to provide a commercial return to a private sector investor in view of the commercial opportunities available from developing the Marion Domain site.

Feedback from the Expression of Interest process indicated that the private sector's estimate of the revenues of the swim centre was insufficient to provide a commercial return on funds invested unless a higher subsidy was provided.

Treasury and Finance subsequently developed a revised financial model to provide an estimate of the likely subsidy.

Based on December 2004 cost estimates, the expected cost of the facility, after allowing for cost inflation over the expected design and construction period of 24 months, was roundly \$51.3 million.

The Marion Council proposed to contribute \$5 million upfront to the cost of the project, which reduced the expected capital cost to \$46.3 million.

The subsidy required to provide a commercial return on investment was estimated to be between \$2.0 to \$2.5 million per annum, with risk to the upside. The present value of this subsidy is between \$24 and \$30 million (December 2004 prices).

The Marion Council submitted a proposal to the Commonwealth Government for a grant of \$15 million, or approximately half of the total expected subsidy. The required subsidy, after the Commonwealth contribution, was estimated to be roundly \$1.2 million per annum or a present value of \$14.5 million.

FINANCE BRANCH—SALARIES EXPENSE

In reply to Mr GOLDSWORTHY.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: As at the 2005-06 budget for Finance Branch:

- The 2004-05 budget salaries expense was revised to \$4.323 million (down \$257 000 from budgeted amount of \$4.58 million—due to vacancy savings).
- The 2004-05 estimated result for salaries expense is \$4.131 million.
- The 2005-06 budget for salaries expense has been estimated at a value of \$4.323 million.

As at the 2005-06 budget for the Government Accounting and Reporting Branch:

- The 2004-05 budget salaries expense was revised to \$3.559 million (up \$554 000 from budgeted amount of \$3.005 million—reallocated savings from other parts of the department for the employee expenses).
- The 2004-05 estimated result for salaries expense is \$3.465 million.
- The 2005-06 budget for salaries expense has been estimated at a value of \$3.401 million.

TREASURY AND FINANCE, INVESTING PAYMENTS

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I am advised that the underspend of \$903 000 on minor works and other projects in 2004-05 is primarily due to the following:

- A reclassification of approximately \$670 000 for the Financial Management Improvement Project for the employment of temporary staff to work on the project (\$370 000) and various one-off payments (\$300 000). This expenditure of \$670 000 was originally budgeted as investing however following finalisation of the project plan and a review of the proposed expenditure it was evident that the correct accounting treatment was to expense a portion of the costs.
- Approximately \$400 000 of Treasury and Finance's annual investing program was used for projects that did not meet Treasury and Finance's accounting policies for investment. The majority of this was Treasury and Finance's accommodation rationalisation project where works such as the relocation of services, internal walls and replacement of workstations do not create an asset in Treasury and Finance's balance sheet.

These favourable impacts were partly offset by additional investing expenditure forecasts for 2004-05 of \$150 000 in Super SA and \$15 000 in SAFA.

PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY—BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The Department of Treasury and Finance Officers who assisted with the restructure in portfolio arrangements for Health and Families and Communities were Mr Jim Wright (Under Treasurer) and Mr Joe Ullianich (Director, Policy Analysis). The Department of Treasury and Finance Officers who assisted with the restructure in portfolio arrangements for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure were Mr Greg Fenn (Director, Account Management) and Ms Joanne Blackwell (Senior Account Analyst).

MERI BRANCH, STAFF INCREASES

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The total estimated workforce of the Department of Treasury and Finance as at 30 June 2006 of 595 FTEs is an expected increase of 20 FTEs (not 24 FTEs) from the revised estimated workforce as at 30 June 2005 of 575 FTEs. This is mainly due to:

- An increase in SAFA for additional employees (4) relating to the Industry Investment Attraction Fund (IIAF) function.
- An increase of 13 FTEs within Super SA, 8 to fill vacancies and 5 for various projects to be conducted in 2005-06.
 - A net increase across other branches (18 FTEs) due to the anticipated filling of staff vacancies.

These increases are partly offset by a reduction of FTEs (15) within MERI branch due to the transfer of the energy staff to the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

MINISTERIAL OFFICE RESOURCES

In reply to **Hon. I.F. EVANS. The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The Ministerial Office resources shown on page 3.1 in Budget Paper 4 of the Portfolio Statements (\$1.257 million expenditure and 10 FTEs) reflects the Cabinet approved funding allocation.

The 2005-06 budget for the Ministerial Support Services Subprogram on page 3.12 in Budget Paper 4 of the Portfolio Statements incorporates the Cabinet approved budget for the Treasurer's Office as well as additional departmental resources provided for the Treasurer's Office and departmental corporate overheads (and accruals). A break up of the \$1.812 million of expenditure shown in Sub-program 2.5 is as follows:

- Cabinet approved funding allocation \$1.257 million.

 Departmental Staff \$205 000 (4 FTEs) and operating expenditure \$22 100
- Minister's Superannuation \$3 500
- Accommodation and Services \$74 400
- Departmental overheads and accruals \$250 000.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT STATEMENT, RECLASSIFICATION

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I am advised that the \$1.1 million that was reclassified from investing expenditure to operating expenditure comprises:

- À reclassification of approximately \$670 000 for the Financial Management Improvement Project for the employment of temporary staff to work on the project (\$370 000) and various one-off payments (\$300 000). This expenditure of \$670 000 was originally budgeted as investing however following finalisation of the project plan and a review of the proposed expenditure it was evident that the correct accounting treatment was to expense a portion of the costs.
- Approximately \$400 000 of Treasury and Finance's annual investing program was used for projects that did not meet Treasury and Finance's accounting policies for investment. The majority of this was Treasury and Finance's accommodation rationalisation project where works such as the relocation of services, internal walls and replacement of workstations do not create an asset in Treasury and Finance's balance sheet.

PARKLANDS

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: I am advised that the total engineering costs relating to the construction and dismantle of the Clipsal 500 circuit for the 2005 event was \$8 488 302.

SAICORP, YTD EARNINGS

In reply to Mr GOLDSWORTHY.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: For the period 1 July 2004 to 31 May 2005, the actual year to date earnings performance of SAICORP investments was 11.11 per cent. This compares with the benchmark year to date return of 10.83 per cent.

TREASURY AND FINANCE, CAPITAL WORKS

In reply to Mr GOLDSWORTHY.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The capital expenditure level in June was impacted by two projects. In particular:

- \$0.2 million was spent on the Document Management Project including \$0.14 million on systems implementation costs. This contract and associated payment had been expected to occur late in the financial year.
- \$0.1 million was spent on the RISTEC project team in June. The expenditure on this project was increasing as the financial year proceeded due to the need to recruit appropriately skilled resources for the project.

However, if we remove the one-off effects of expenditure relating to the Document Management project of \$203 000 and costs relating to the RISTEC Project totalling \$74 000, this will bring the total spend in the month of June to around 10 per cent of the annual expenditure.

ADMINISTRATION MEASURES, REDUCTION IN **OPERATING COSTS**

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

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: The administration measures that will be used to reduce the operating costs in the Department of Treasury and Finance will include:

Savings Measures across forward years Savings Targets \$				
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Accommodation savings from rationalisation and reduction in rental rates for State Administration Centre and an anticipated reduction in floor space rented in Statewide House	104 000	204 000	204 000	204 000
Salary savings as a result of changed organisational structures in Project Analysis Branch	71 000	24 000	26 000	27 000
Administration savings including CPI on goods and services not provided to branches	275 000	233 000	243 000	254 000
Total Targeted Savings	450 000	461 000	473 000	485 000

MAC FUNDS MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY: Based on management accounts, the MAC property portfolio has outperformed its benchmark by 0.6 per cent this financial year. For the financial year to date MAC's property investment return was 11.3 per cent as at 31 May 2005, compared to the Mercer Unlisted Property Funds index return (the benchmark) of 10.7 per cent.

CONSULTANTS, EXPENDITURE

In reply to **Hon. I.F. EVANS**. **The Hon. K.O. FOLEY:** The attached tables provides a detailed breakdown on consultancy expenditure in 2004-05 for agencies reporting to the Treasurer, including the name of the consultant, work

completed, method of appointment and cost.

The figures for 2004-05 are current as at 30 June 2005, however, as there are still year end processes taking place for financial statements, some figures may be subject to change.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE—2004-05 PRELIMINARY CONSULTANCY EXPENDITURE

Consultant	Work undertaken	Method of appointment	Preliminary 2004-05 Expenditre \$
DTF—BRANCHES			·
Super SA			
Nil.			0
Corporate Service Branch			
Locher & Associates	Review	Selective Tender	16,280
SAFA			
PriceWaterhouseCoopers Russell Employee Benefits	Review Review	Direct Offer Tender	112,907 33,000
Stillwell Management Consultants	Executive recruitment	Selective Tender	8,800
Finance Branch SA Centre for Economic Studies	Report	Expression of Interest	29,070
Revenue and Economics Branch		•	•
Access Economics Pty Ltd	Report	Direct Offer	35,343
Micro-Economic reform and Infrastructure Branch			45,960
KPMG	Advice	Competitive Tender	41,966
Charles River Associates	Advice	Competitive Tender	8,000
Charles River Associates	Analysis Review	Competitive Tender Selective Tender	62,939 20,415
ACIL Tasman Pty Ltd SA Centre for Economic Studies	Review	Selective Tender Selective Tender	15,400
Capital Financial Consultants	Report	Direct Engagement	15,.00
Project Analysis Branch			12.100
Alexander and Symonds Pty Ltd Connell Wagner Pty Ltd	Advice Advice	Let by Consultant Panel Tender	13,100 51,983
KPMG	Advice	Panel Tender	483,837
Leadenhall Australia Ltd	Advice	Panel Tender	7,483
Maunsell Australia Savant Pty Ltd	Advice Advice	Let by Consultant Panel Tender	31,735 69,200
Government Accounting and Reporting Bran		Tanot render	•
Nil			0
Total Department of Treasury and Finance			\$1,087,418
DTF—Admin Items—Electorate offices and Leader of Opposition			
SA Police	Risk Assessment	Direct Engagement	33,197
Keough Consulting	Risk Assessment	Direct Engagement	19,700
DTF— Admin Items—SAICORP—SAGIRM	,		
Brett and Watson	Review	Expression of Interest	37,880
Total DTF and Admin Items			\$1,178,195
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR (other	er than DTF)		
Essential Services Commission of SA Field Business Services	Media relations 2004-2005	Direct Approach	8,214
Dale Cole & Associates Pty Ltd	Report	Request for Proposal	12,510
Parsons Brinckerhoff Pty Ltd	Review	Request for Proposal	7,350
KPMG	Review	Continuation of Stage 1	33,570
Allen Consulting Group Charles River & Associates Pty Ltd	Review Review	Request for Proposal Request for Proposal	27,377 243,336
Welford, J	Review	Direct Approach	28,875
Parsons Brinckerhoff Pty Ltd	Review	Request for Proposal	154,665
Finlaysons Lawyers	Legal Advice	Panel	7,788
Finlaysons Lawyers	Review	Panel	70,051
	Advice	Direct Approach	7/ 1191
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Research	Direct Approach	13,125
Advice	Direct Approach	15,193
Advice	Direct Approach	26,512
Review	Panel	88,544
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		9,091
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	Request for Proposal	102,742
		53,656
		20,000
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Advice	Direct Approach	15,000
Review	Continuation	136,655
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		36,182
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		5,998
		24,232
Audit	Continuation	30,000
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Review	The contract was awarded with a waiver of	10,000
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Study	Panel Contract	10,000
Audit	Panel Contract	17,000
Research	Public Request for Proposal	22,000
Support	Panel Contract	22,000
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POLICE DRUG DIVERSION INITIATIVE

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. M.J. ATKINSON: I have received this advice:

The evaluation of the Police Drug Diversion Initiative (P.D.D.I.) is currently being conducted by the Office of Crime Statistics and Research (OSCAR). The evaluation is funded by the Commonwealth Government, with funding of \$218 929 allocated over five years.

The P.D.D.I. evaluation started in October, 2001. An interim report was submitted in early 2003 and briefings on various aspects of the data collection and findings to date have been provided to a State Reference Group for P.D.D.I.

Most of the data collection for the evaluation is now complete and presentations of findings have been made to stakeholders. Final analysis and preparation of the report is well underway and I expect to submit the final report in September, 2005. Once published, the findings will be available on the OCSAR website www.ocsar.sa.gov.au.

JUSTICE PORTFOLIO, OPERATING COSTS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE**.

The Hon. M.J. ATKINSON: I have received this advice: For each of the forward estimate years, the implementation of an administrative measures savings initiative will lead to a reduction in operating costs within the Justice Portfolio as follows:

Agency	2005-06 Budget (\$'000)	2006-07 Estimate (\$'000)	2007-08 Estimate (\$'000)	2008-09 Estimate (\$'000)
Attorney-General's Department	1,150	1,179	1,208	1,238
Courts Administration Authority	600	615	630	646
Total	1,750	1,794	1,838	1,884

As in previous years, all Agencies and Departments reporting to me will continue to strive to achieve any savings targets identified.

GRANT FUNDING

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. M. J. ATKINSON: I have received this advice: The Member for Morialta asked for the breakdown of grant funding for 2005-06 in terms of which groups were funded.

Grants for 2005-06 will be approved after receipt and consideration of grant applications in 2005-06.

Information is available for grants approved for 2004-05. There are two rounds of funding for the Multicultural Grants

There are two rounds of funding for the Multicultural Grants Scheme each financial year. In 2004-05 \$150,000 was available for distribution through the Multicultural Grants Scheme. Over the two rounds a total of 108 grants were approved with a total value of \$150.595.

A list of the grants approved during 2004-05 follows:

MULTICULTURAL GRANTS SCHEME 2004-05 ROUNDS 1 AND 2

Round	Organisation	Name of Project	Purpose	Amount
2	Adelaide Metropolitan Malayalee Association Inc	ONAM Kerala Cultural Festival 2005	towards the cost of the ONAM Kerala Cultural Festival 2005	\$1,000.00
1	Afghan United Association of SA	Young People's Cultural Evenings	towards the costs of promotional materials, art and craft materials and administration costs for the Afghan Young People's Cultural Nights	\$800.00
2	Afghan Women's Federation	Afghan New Year Cultural Celebration	towards the cost of the Afghan New Year Celebration	\$700.00
1	African Communities Council of South Australia Inc	Celebrating the African Festival	towards the costs of the African Community Festival	\$1,800.00
1	African Women's Federation of South Australia	Establishment of the African Women's Federation	towards the cost of the African Women's Festival	\$1,000.00
2	Albanian and Australian Association Inc SA	Development of Newsletter and Website	towards the costs of the Develop- ment of a Newsletter and Website	\$1,300.00
2	Association of the Hungarian Aged and Invalid Persons in SA Inc	Bilingual Information Pamphlets and DVD Player for the Association's Information Pro- gram	towards the cost of bilingual information pamphlets and a DVD Player for the Association's Information Pro- gram	\$658.00
2	Australian Refugee Association Inc	African Youth Development Project	towards the cost of the African Youth Development project	\$900.00
2	Bagster Community House Inc	Australia: Our country, our home.	towards the cost of the Children's Photographic Settlement project	\$800.00
2	Baltic Council of SA	2005 Baltic Council of SA historical brochures	towards the cost of the Baltic Communities historical bro- chures and 2005 Commemora- tive Events project	\$2,000.00
1	Bosnia and Herzegovina Muslim Society of South Australia Inc	Bosnian Cultural Day	towards the cost of the musicians and printing of flyers and posters for the Bosnian Cultural Day	\$500.00
1	Bosniaks' Association of SA - Bosniaks' Masted Adelaide	Remembrance Plaque	towards the cost of the com- memorative plaque	\$1,000.00
1	Bulgarians' Educational and Friendly Society Inc	Establishment of Website for the BEFS	towards the costs of developing a website	\$2,000.00

1	Burundian Community of South Australia (BCSA)	Project and Events	towards the costs of information workshops for the Burundi Community	\$800.00
2	Chinatown Adelaide of SA Inc	2006 Lunar New Year Festivities at Chinatown	towards the 2006 Lunar New Year Festivities at Chinatown	\$1,000.00
2	Chinese Welfare Services	Cultural Diversity Show Case in Chinatown	towards the costs of equipment hire and promotion of the Cultur- al Diversity Showcase in Chinatown project	\$1,500.00
1	Coober Pedy Multicultural Community Forum Inc	International Day Festival	towards the costs of the Coober Pedy International Day Festival	\$1,500.00
1	Cook Islanders Cultural Community Inc	Cook Islands Culture Workshops	towards the cost of the weaving, patchwork and woodwork work- shops	\$800.00
1	Coordinating Italian Committee Inc	Ceramic Making Workshops at Carnevale in Adelaide	towards the cost of the ceramic artist exhibition	\$1,000.00
1	Coordinating Italian Committee Inc	Carnevale in Adelaide	towards the costs of the 2005 Carnevale in Adelaide	\$5,000.00
1	Coordinating Italian Committee Inc	A Cross-Cultural Partnership to promote better access and equity for the Iranian Community	towards the costs of materials and training workshops for the CIC Middle Eastern Communi- ties Cross Cultural Partnership project	\$2,000.00
1	CREATE (Culture Renewing Economic Activity Throughout Eyre Peninsula)	Fishy Fringe Festival	towards the cost of the Whyalla Fishy Fringe Festival	\$1,000.00
2	Croatian Community Council of South Australia	Development of a Strategic Plan for the Croatian Community in SA	towards the cost of the develop- ment of a strategic plan for the Croatian Community in SA	\$2,000.00
2	Don Dunstan Foundation	Supporting Imam Feisal Rauf's Cordoba Initiative: Building Bridges Between Islamic and Western Cultures.	towards the cost of the Don Dunstan Foundation's Imam Feisal Rauf visit	\$2,250.00
2	Eritrean Community of South Australia Inc	Youth Cultural Development	towards the cost of traditional craft materials and information sessions for the Youth Cultural Development project	\$1,000.00
1	Ethnic Link Services, Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide Inc	Bilingual Workers Brokerage Register	towards the cost of the computer, software and website develop- ment of the aged care bi-lingual workers brokerage service	\$5,000.00
2	Federation of Polish Organizations in SA Inc	Website Development	towards the cost of the Website Development project	\$1,700.00
2	Filipino Alay Kapwa Services (Community Care)	Filipino Alay Kapwa Cultural Ambassadore Group	towards the cost of the Filipino Alay Kapwa cultural group's launch.	\$1,000.00
2	Find 'ASA' (Find 'HOPE') Inc	Filipino Festival	towards the cost of the Filipino Festival of SA	\$1,000.00
1	Giovani SA Incorporated	Production of a website	towards the costs of establishing the Giovani SA website	\$2,000.00
1	Glendi Greek Festival	Glendi Greek Festival	towards the cost of the 2005 Glendi Festival	\$5,000.00
2	Goodwood Community Services Inc	Celebrate and Share Your Culture	towards the cost of "Sharing Your Culture" Event	\$650.00
1	Greek Lyceum of South Australia Inc School of Greek Dance and Culture	Travel and performance at the "Coober Pedy Glendi Greek Festival - 2005" by the Greek Lyceum's song and dance ensemble.	towards the cost of the dancing group's travel expenses for the 2005 Coober Pedy Greek Festival	\$1,500.00
1	Greek Orthodox Community of "The Nativity of Christ" Port Adelaide Inc.	Semaphore Greek Festival	towards the cost of the Semaphore Greek Festival	\$1,500.00
2	Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc	4th Annual Greek Film Festival	towards the cost of publicity and film transportation for the 4th Annual Greek Film Festival	\$1,500.00
1	Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc (GOCSA)	Olympic Dance Group Performance at Renmark Greek Festival	towards the transport cost of the Olympic Dance Group's partici- pation in the Renmark Greek Festival	\$1,000.00

2	Greenfield Klompen Dancers	Greenfield Klompen Dancers Folkloric Dance Festival	towards the cost of the Greenfield Klompen Dancers Folkloric Dance Festival	\$1,000.00
2	Hermandad De La Tierra Del Espiritu Santo Inc.	Romeria Del Rocio De Australia Spanish Festival	towards the cost of the Romeria Del Rocio De Australia Spanish Festival in the Clare Valley 2005	\$3,000.00
1	Iranian Association of South Australia	Promoting Multiculturalism at Persian New Year (Norooz)	towards the costs of the Persian New Year Cultural Festival	\$1,000.00
1	Iranian Association of South Australia	Promoting Multiculturalism through Media	towards the establishment costs of the Persian / English bi- monthly Magazine	\$1,000.00
1	Japan Australia Friendship Association	Golden Week Japan Festival	towards the cost of the Golden Week Japan Festival	\$1,000.00
2	Jewish Community Council of SA	A series of interviews to be broadcast through Jewish Radio to promote a better understand- ing between the Jewish Community and the wider community	towards the cost of recording equipment to be used to record a series of interviews to be broad- cast through Jewish Radio to promote a better understanding between the Jewish community and the wider community	\$1,000.00
2	Jewish Community Services	Organisational Review and Development of a Strategic Plan	towards the cost of Organisation- al Review Development of a Strategic Plan	\$800.00
1	Kilburn Blair Athol Community Action Group Inc	"Together in Diversity"	towards the cost of the Refugee Day function to celebrate cultur- al diversity	\$1,000.00
1	Korean Community of Adelaide Inc	Korean New Year Cultural Festival	towards the costs of the Korean Cultural Festival	\$1,500.00
2	Kurdish Australian Association	Workshop materials and the production of publicity flyers	towards the cost of workshop materials and the production of publicity flyers for the Kurdish Youth Cultural Ambassadors Workshop	\$750.00
1	Kurdish Australian Association of SA	Australian cultural and legal education for Kurdish young people	towards the administrative and language expenses of the information workshops	\$1,500.00
2	Maltese Guild of SA Inc	Library bookcases	towards the cost of the Library Showcase project	\$1,000.00
1	Middle Eastern Communities Council of SA Inc	Middle Eastern Cultural Festival	towards the costs of the Middle Eastern Cultural Festival	\$2,000.00
2	Migrant Resource Centre	2005 Refugee Week Cultural Festival	towards the cost of the Refugee Week Cultural Festival	\$3,000.00
2	Migrant Women's Lobby Group of SA Inc	Women's Mental Health and Well-being Camp	towards the cost of the Mental Health and Well-being camp	\$2,000.00
1	Modbury Uniting Church	African Women's Day	towards the cost of the African Women's Day activities	\$500.00
2	Modbury Uniting Church	African Women's Day	towards the cost of creche equip- ment for the African Women's Day programs	\$470.00
2	Multicultural Association North and South (MANAS)	Multicultural Festival	towards the cost of the South Australian Multicultural Festival 2005	\$2,500.00
1	Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc	Lions Multicultural Festival	towards the cost of the 2004 Victoria Square Multicultural Festival.	\$1,000.00
2	Non-English Speaking Back- ground Domestic Violence Ac- tion Group	Storage equipment for information materials on domestic violence	towards the cost of Storage Equipment for the groups Information Materials on Do- mestic Violence	\$1,000.00
2	Ottoway Theatrical Ensemble	The Ensemble's 25th Anniversary celebrations	towards the cost of the Ensemble's 25th Anniversary celebrations	\$1,000.00
1	Ottoway Theatrical Ensemble Incorporated	Polish Fair for the Southern Areas of Adelaide	towards the cost of the Polish Fair.	\$800.00
2	Overseas Chinese Association SA	Collaborative Multicultural Forum - Meeting The Needs of Multicultural Clients	towards the cost of the family day Forum for Adult Learners Week	\$750.00
1	Pan Macedonian Association of SA Incorporated	Dimitria Festival	towards the cost of the Dimitria Festival	\$3,000.00

1	Polish Educational Society of SA Inc	50th Anniversary of the Polish School in SA	towards the cost of the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Polish Educational Society of SA	\$1,000.00
2	Pontian Brotherhood of SA	Bus travel to Coober Pedy for participation in the Coober Pedy Greek Festival	towards the cost of travel for a group of Young Dancers partici- pating in the Coober Pedy Festival	\$2,000.00
1	Port Lincoln Hellenic Association Inc	Community Open Day	towards the cost of the Port Lincoln Greek Community's Open Day	\$500.00
1	Port Lincoln Multicultural Council Inc	One World Festival	towards the cost of the One World Festival in Port Lincoln	\$1,500.00
2	Riverland Croatian Cultural Planning Group	Riverland Croatian Social Function	towards the cost of the Riverland Croatian Cultural Planning Group's Croatian Cultural Night	\$1,000.00
2	Riverland Greek Festival Inc	Riverland Greek Festival 2006	towards the cost of the Riverland Greek Festival 2006	\$3,500.00
2	Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc	Cross Cultural Awareness Training Workshop	towards the cost of travel for presenters, hire of venue, adver- tising and administrative costs for the Cultural Awareness Training Workshop	\$900.00
1	Rwandan Community of South Australia	Community Establishment	towards the establishment costs of the Rwandan Community of South Australia	\$917.00
2	SA Council for Greek Cultural Month Inc	Computer and software package for the establishment of a base for the organising committee of the Hellenika Festival	towards the cost of equipment for the Establishment of a base for the organising committee of the Hellenika Festival	\$1,500.00
1	Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Community Incorporated	Unley Greek Festival	towards the cost of the Unley Greek Festival	\$1,000.00
2	Salisbury East Neighbourhood House Inc	Displays, entertainment and publicity costs of the 'Celebrating Cultures in our Community' project	towards the cost of displays and entertainment for the Celebrating Cultures in our Communities project	\$700.00
2	Senior Citizens Club of Port Adelaide and Environs Inc	Improving communication of the environment for members of our community	towards the cost of a microphone and amplifier for the activities of the Greek senior citizens of Port Adelaide	\$1,000.00
2	Serbian Community of SA Inc	Multicultural Serbian Festival	towards the cost the Multicultur- al Serbian Festival	\$2,000.00
1	Serbian Pensioners Group	Keep Serbian and other pensioners active and happy	towards the cost of a fridge for the pensioner's meetings	\$800.00
2	Sikh Society of South Australia	Vaisakhi Open Day	towards the cost of the Sikh New Year Day/ Open Day	\$1,000.00
1	Slovak Club of South Australia Inc	Small Item Kitchen Utensils	towards the cost of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Slovaks in Australia and towards the Congress of Australian Slovaks	\$1,000.00
2	South East Area Consultative Committee Inc	Prosperity Through People	towards the cost of staging the South East Population Forum	\$1,000.00
2	South East Multicultural Network Inc	Materials for the Multicultural Banners for use in the Limestone Coast region	towards the cost of materials for the Multicultural Banners for the Limestone Coast region's 'We're Working Together' project	\$1,000.00
1	Southern Suburbs Polish Community	20th anniversary/Polish festival in the southern suburbs of Adelaide	towards the cost of venue and administrative expenses of the Polish celebration to commemo- rate 20 years in the Southern Suburbs	\$800.00
1	St Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church	Equipment and Refurbishment of Cultural Centre	towards the purchase of a com- puter which is to be used for the preparation of newsletters, keep records, and cultural materials	\$1,500.00
1	St Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church	Antiochian Seniors Hall	towards the cost of the hall refurbishing project	\$1,500.00
2	St Raphael, Nicholas & Irene (Youth Group)	Multicultural Youth Soccer Carnival.	towards the costs of hiring a stage, tables and chairs for the St Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Youth Group's Cultural Day	\$2,000.00

2	Sudanese Cultural and Social Society of SA Inc	Cost of computer and software for the Society's Newsletter & Service Provision projects	towards the cost of computer and software for the Establishment of a Newsletter and Service Provi- sion projects	\$1,500.00
2	Sudanese Cultural Group of SA	Tour of 'SUDAN' art exhibition to 12 galleries with each of the 12 dancing groups alternating to open each one	towards the cost of the Sudanese Cultural Group of SA's Sudanese Arts Exhibition	\$1,000.00
1	Taste the Limestone Coast Festival	Flavours of Europe	towards the cost of the "Taste the Limestone Coast Festival"	\$1,500.00
2	The Bulgarians' Educational & Friendly Society	History of Migration Into South Australia	towards the cost of the Bulgarian Exhibition at the Migration Mu- seum	\$1,000.00
2	The Constantinople Hellenic Association of South Australia Inc	Equipment for the Association's bilingual Newsletter/Magazine	towards the cost of the establish- ment of a Multicultural News- letter/Magazine "A Taste of Constantinople" project	\$1,000.00
2	The Cypriot Aged & Pensioners Association of SA Inc	Printing and translating the Greek Cypriot Poetry Book	towards the cost of printing and translating the Greek Cypriot Poetry Book	\$2,000.00
2	The Ethnic Schools Association of SA Inc	Ethnic Schools' Children's Day	towards the cost of the Ethnic Schools Children's Day	\$1,500.00
2	The Syrian Community of South Australia Inc	Towards the cost of a computer for the community's Information Cultural Programs	towards the cost of a photocopier to be used for the community's Information and Cultural Pro- grams	\$1,500.00
1	Thrive Young People's Group	Thrive visits Port Adelaide	towards the cost of the Thrive Youth cross cultural camp	\$1,000.00
1	Turkic People Association of Australia 'TURAN'	Migration Museum Exhibition - World Recognition to 1000 years of Karzan	towards the cost of the Turkic Migration Museum exhibition	\$1,000.00
2	Turkic People Association of Australia 'TURAN' Inc	Computer equipment for the Association's Information Program	towards the cost of equipment to be used for the establishment of the Association's Information Program	\$1,200.00
1	Ukrainian Women's Association in SA Inc	Ukrainian Festival of Song and Dance	towards the cost of the amplifier and microphone	\$1,000.00
2	Uniting Care Wesley Bowden Inc	Multicultural Festival 2005	towards the cost of the Multicultural Festival 2005	\$2,000.00
1	Vietnamese Christian Community	Buying equipment for events	towards the cost of the materials to build a portable stage	\$2,000.00
1	Vietnamese Christian Community	Family Day	towards the cost of the Open Day Festival on Australia Day	\$1,500.00
1	Vietnamese Community Australia / SA Chapter Inc	Exhibition and presentation to mark the 30th anniversary of the settlement of the Vietnamese Community in South Australia	towards the cost of the exhibition to commemorate the 30th Anni- versary of the Vietnamese community is SA	\$2,000.00
1	Vietnamese Elderly Association of SA Inc	Cross Culture Project	towards the cost of the cross- cultural program	\$800.00
1	Vietnamese Farmers Association	Vietnamese New Year Festival	towards the costs of the venue hire, publicity, postage, printing and security for the Vietnamese New Year Festival at Virginia	\$1,500.00
2	Vietnamese Farmers Association Inc	Venue hire and publicity costs for the 'Full Moon Festival for Children'	towards the cost of the Full Moon Festival for Children	\$1,000.00
1	Vietnamese Literature and Arts Association Inc	Singing Course for the Vietnamese community	towards the costs of the Vietnamese cultural project	\$800.00
2	Vietnamese Women's Association SA	Linking Relationships	towards the cost of the Vietnamese Women's Association Camp Coorong project	\$1,500.00
1	Wandana Community Centre	Road Rules	towards the cost of the "Learning Road Rules" project	\$1,500.00
2	Wandana Community Centre	Women's Group	towards the cost of craft materials and bus hire for the Multicultural Women's Group Activities program	\$1,000.00
2	West African Women's Organization	Towards the cost of quarterly workshops and the establishment costs of the Association	towards the cost of the West African Women's Cultural Workshops project	\$700.00

2	Western Macedonian Brotherhood of SA Pavlos Melas Inc	A computer to enable the Association to provide social and cultural support	towards the cost of equipment for the organisations Cultural, Social and Information Programs	\$1,500.00
1	Whyalla Multicultural Communities Centre	International Women's Day Celebrations	towards the cost of the Whyalla International Women's Day Celebration	\$750.00

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN**. **The Hon. S.W. KEY:** The feasibility study into the establishment of Carnegie Mellon University in South Australia is a document which was specifically prepared for Cabinet and as such is covered by Cabinet confidentiality.

DFEEST CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The transfer of \$3.35 million from operating in 2004-05 to investing in 2005-06 reflects the application of accounting standards to the classification of the department's capital expenditure. The department receives an annual capital allocation and the relevant standards require all expenditure thereof on items of an operating nature to appear in the Statement of Financial Performance, whereas the capital expenditure not of an operating nature is to be incorporated in the Statement of Financial Position.

In 2005-06 the department's priorities and timing imperatives of approved major projects have resulted in an increase in Capital Investing expenditure, in particular relating to the replacement of inadequate facilities for the Veterinary and Applied Science program at the Gilles Plains campus of TAFE. This has been partly funded by the subject \$3.35 million from capital funding which in 2004-05 was applied to one off costs of backlog maintenance requirements in TAFE SA institutes, and classified correctly as operating expenditure in the financials for that year.

WIS INTERNET ACCESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: The Australian Bureau of Statistics indicates that while there has been an increase in the percentage of people in rural and regional Australia who have access to the Internet, there still remains a gap with people who live in capital

In 2004, the Women's Information Service (WIS) of the Office for Women contacted schools in the outer metropolitan area offering to conduct the Internet training to women in the local community. Schools were utilised as venues in order to attract women who dropped children to and from school, and because of the ability to access school-based computer resources. Training was also held in regional areas, with Eudunda being visited on three occasions and on one occasion Robertstown. This training was held at telecentres in those communities.

WIS is currently organising the training to be held in the Service SA customer service centres in Port Augusta, Whyalla, Gawler and Port Lincoln.

Factors such as availability of computer access and information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics have influenced the locations of the training program.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD AND ACTIVE8

In reply to Mr SCALZI.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: 1551 new participants subscribed to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program during 2004-05, the majority of whom were secondary school students.

Of these new participants, 52 per cent were female and 48 per cent were male, 8.38 per cent voluntarily identified themselves as being from a non-English speaking background, and 1.74 per cent voluntarily identified themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

59 per cent of the new participants were 14 years of age, 24 per cent were 15 years of age, 6 per cent were 16 years of age and 21 per cent were aged 17 to 24 years.

The Active8 program provided funding for approximately 1600

participants during the 2004-05. Demographic data is currently available for 1344 of these participants:

- 47 per cent were female and 52 per cent were male (1 per cent not specified):
- per cent voluntarily identified themselves as being from a non-English speaking background;
- 6 per cent voluntarily identified themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, and
- 10 per cent were identified as having a disability.

4 per cent of the new participants in the active8 program were 10-12 years of age, 13 per cent were 13 years of age, 34 per cent were 14 years of age, 28 per cent were 15 years of age, 12 per cent were 16 years of age, 6 per cent were 17 to 25 years of age and 3 per cent did not specify their age.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In reply to Mrs HALL.
The Hon. S.W. KEY: Access to court support programs for women attending the Family Court of Australia was identified as a key issue throughout the consultation process for the Women's Safety Strategy. The Women's Information Service is currently working in partnership with other services, including the Women's Legal Service (SA) and the Victim Support Service, to investigate the needs for a volunteer program that would provide non-legal support for women attending the Family Court. It is intended that this program will have a specific focus on women who have experienced violence and abuse. Office for Women has provided \$10 000 to undertake this project that began on 4 March 2005, and the Women's Information Service has committed a 0.3 FTE position to establish and maintain the program.

A collaborative approach, recognising the role of a range of services and the diverse and often complex needs of women, will be used to ensure that the program is accessible for all women and assists in demystifying the court process. In order to achieve this, the program must be culturally competent in responding to the specific needs of indigenous women and women from multicultural communities. Initial work is being conducted in researching models from other Australian jurisdictions, including New South Wales and Victoria. A volunteer training package is being developed in conjunction with the Women's Legal Service (SA) and the Victim Support Service that will include information and skills training in developing culturally competent services.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

In reply to Mr SCALZI.

The Hon. S.W. KEY: Currently, 92 per cent of young people enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award are under 18 years of age.

83 per cent of registered operators are secondary schools, 5 per cent are defence cadets and 4 per cent are other government agencies.

In accordance with Policy 1.13 of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a '... Registered Operator (as applicable) must undertake a national criminal record check (or referee check if legislation does not permit) for all employees or volunteers who will have direct unsupervised contact with young people.'
All new affiliated registered operators in South Australia must

ensure that responsible people are suitably skilled, experienced and have a current criminal history check, and ensure that the Award is operated in accordance with the fundamental principles

South Australia has taken the lead in developing and designing a new Duke of Edinburgh's Award participant's record book. It is to be proposed to the Australian Coordinating Committee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that the record book includes the following

Your Personal Safety

You have the right to feel safe while undertaking award

activities. If a situation arises where you feel personally uncomfortable or unsafe, please advise your Award Coordinator or your State Award Office.'

DNA TESTING

In reply to Mr WILLIAMS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: There are two overseas laboratories that are known to have established robotics for the routine analysis of DNA samples. They are the Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, UK, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa. A number of other overseas laboratories use robotics in parts of the DNA analytical process and are investigating the automation of the entire process.

In Australia two other forensic laboratories, in Perth and Canberra, have purchased robotic platforms, and others are also considering their purchase.

Overseas experience has shown that robotic instruments are extremely reliable. Machine records can be used to verify that all programmed robotic steps have been performed correctly.

In forensic science an extensive validation of any instrument is undertaken prior to its implementation into casework. This ensures that the instrument gives the expected result and any limitations are identified. It is anticipated that the validation of the robotics will take up to 12 months.

STATE ARCHIVES

In reply to Mr WILLIAMS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: 95 per cent of the visitors to the Leigh Street and Gepps Cross research centres are members of the

There is no charge to either the public or government agencies when records are retrieved for viewing in either the Leigh Street or Gepps Cross research centre.

However, where an agency requests that an item be retrieved and returned for viewing in their agency they are charged. The fees are prescribed in the State Records Regulations 1998 and in 2004-05 the fee was \$8.15 per item.

The charge to agencies is per item, which could be a file, volume or a box.

DNA DATABASE

In reply to Mr WILLIAMS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: There are a number of systems and protocols in place to ensure the security of information retained on the DNA database.

All Forensic Science SA staff undergo a police security check prior to employment. The Forensic Science Centre has three levels of physical security controlled by access cards. Access to the DNA database laboratory is restricted to the third or highest level. Therefore not even all FSSA employees have access to the DNA laboratories. The organisation is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities, which means it is operating to an internationally recognised standard. Building security and security of samples within the laboratory are both covered under this accreditation. With respect to the database computer security, access privileges are so tightly controlled that only certain individuals within the DNA group have access. The data on the DNA database has been classified at the highest level of data confidentiality under the SA Government information security management framework. All allied systems, such as access privileges, are developed and implemented with this security rating in mind.

Yes. Under the Forensic Procedures Act 1998 the Police Commissioner has the power to maintain the State DNA database. Through a memorandum of understanding this has been delegated to the director of FSSA. There is no requirement under the Act to separate names from profiles. There are, however, severe penalties for the unlawful disclosure of information.

HOME SERVICE DIRECT

In reply to Mr WILLIAMS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: Market research was undertaken by Newspoll in 2004, as denoted at the foot of the letter, on behalf of Home Service Direct.

I am advised that, before the recent mail-out, SA Water satisfied itself that Home Service Direct had checked that Newspoll's method of weighting and projecting the data was sound and that the statement in the letter is valid.

Newspoll signed off on the appropriateness of the statement for inclusion in the letter prior to it being sent to SA Water customers.

EYRE PENINSULA LEAKAGES

In reply to Mr WILLIAMS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: SA Water has conducted detailed water balances of Eyre Peninsula with results benchmarked in accordance with procedures adopted by Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA).

The WSAA benchmarking involves a desktop comparison of current actual real losses and technical minimum real losses to determine an infrastructure leakage index (ILI). The analysis requires input of system characteristics such as length of main, number of connections, system pressure, master meter readings and customer meter readings. An ILI of 1.0 indicates that system leakage is at a practical minimum level, an ILI in the range 1.0 to 1.5 is classified as excellent and in the range 1.5 to 3.0 as good/fair.

I am advised the calculated leakage for the main water supply system on Eyre Peninsula is 1.3 gigalitres which is an ILI of 1.3

For comparison, I am advised that Adelaide has had an ILI of 1.2 during the past four years, which is among the best of Australian water authorities. Sydney has an ILI in the range of 2.0

During 2004 SA Water installed 11 additional magnetic flow meters at critical points in the Eyre Peninsula water supply network to improve knowledge of how the network operates. Results from the current winter will be analysed to identify areas that are suspected of having above average levels of leakage, which may then benefit from a leakage reduction program.

From this analysis it can be concluded the leakage on Eyre Peninsula is considered to be within acceptable standards. However, SA Water will continue to look for cost effective ways of reducing leakage.

WORKCOVER

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that these redemptions fall within the parameters of the actuarial valuation of the claims liability and are consistent with existing liability projections.

In reply to Mrs REDMOND.
The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that the highest redemption amount paid was approximately \$150 000.

RECREATION AND SPORT BUDGETS

In reply to Dr McFETRIDGE.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: As part of the normal Budget Review process for DAIS the Budgets of Recreation and Sports were thoroughly reviewed in December 2003 and adjustments were made to reflect the appropriate categories of expenditure, consequently amounts were moved from the 'other' category to Salaries and Goods and Service to properly reflect expenses from ordinary expenses.

SANTOS STADIUM

In reply to Dr McFETRIDGE.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: Operations of the Santos Stadium were transferred to the Office for Recreation and Sport and for the 2004-05 year the depreciation was increased from \$1.687 million to \$1.975 million. The increase was initially made to 2004-05 only and adjustments will be made to the future budget to reflect the appropriate amount. However, this is a non-cash item, and is not available for the Office for Recreation and Sport to spend and does not impact on the States cash position.

GAMBLING TAX REVENUE

In reply to Mr BROKENSHIRE.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: In 1995-96 there was no Government contribution to the Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund. Gaming Machine Tax Revenue in 1995-96 was \$108.3 million.

In 2001-02, the former Government's last budget, its funding to the Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund was \$800 000 whilst Gaming Machine Tax Revenue was \$211.6 million. Government funding to the Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund was therefore 0.38 per cent of Gaming Machine Tax Revenue collected in 2001-02.

In 2005-06, the contribution by the Government to the Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund is to be \$3.845 million. It is estimated that Gaming Machine Tax Revenue will be \$307.4 million in 2005-06. This Government's contribution to the Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund as a proportion of Gaming Machine Tax Revenue is therefore 1.25 per cent in 2005-06.

This provides further evidence of the significant increase of Government funding being put into the Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund by this Government. The Government contribution is now more than 3 times higher as a share of gaming machine tax revenue than under the former Government.

As I stated in the estimates committee the 380 per cent increase in Government contribution to the Gambler's Rehabilitation Fund vastly outstrips the 33 per cent growth in gaming machine tax revenue over the same period.

DAIS OPERATION COSTS

In reply to Mr WILLIAMS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: DAIS has been asked to achieve expenditure savings across the department totaling \$2.25 million per annum from 2005-06 onward (+ CPI) within a total annual expenditure budget of almost \$670 million.

DAIS' Corporate Services area (Program 8) will be the focus for this savings target for the whole agency through programs to reduce costs in such areas as procurement, management of the filling of vacancies, and by seeking further efficiencies in DAIS' payment and receivable processes.

JARDINE LLOYD THOMPSON

In reply to Hon. I.F. EVANS.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: I am advised that the average cost of each of these long-term claims, some of which have been on the WorkCover scheme for over 17 years, is \$320 000, as at the end of December 2004.

I am advised that the amount to be paid to JLT is consistent with normal commercial rates in the market place, for the provision of this type of service.

WORKCOVER

In reply to Ms REDMOND.

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The type of information sought by the member is available in the WorkCover Corporation Statistical Review.

WORKPLACE SERVICES INSPECTORS

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

The Hon. M.J. WRIGHT: The advice that I have received is as

- The 2005-06 net cost of services from ordinary activities budget total of \$14 888 000, is the difference between total expenses from ordinary activities of \$23 396 000 and total revenue from ordinary activities of \$8 508 000.
- It is estimated that the industrial relations budget will amount to approximately \$6 317 000 or approximately 27 per cent of the \$23 396 000 total expenses budget. The balance of approximately \$17 079 000 or approximately 73 per cent will be spent on occupational health and safety and public safety.

SATC TRADE SHOWS

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) has participated in, and coordinated the presence of South Australian tourism operators in a number of consumer and trade shows throughout 2004-05. The SATC also conducted two trade shows itself.

Consumer shows are a very important activity for the SATC as they allow the SATC to interact with consumers and provide them with information, brochures and advice. Consumer shows also provide the SATC with an insight into what holiday experiences consumers are seeking and their expectations. In addition, consumer shows provide the SATC with an audience that is ready to travel.

Often, consumers attending a travel expo for example have already made the decision to take a holiday, so it is an ideal time for the SATC to promote South Australia and encourage them to include the State on their itineraries.

The following provides details on the national consumer and trade shows that the SATC participated in, and organised in 2004-05: Consumer Shows

- 2004 Melbourne Fishing Show & Outdoors Expo-attendance approx 49 300
- 2004 Canberra Spring Home & Leisure Show—attendance approx 20 000

- 2004 Sydney Backpacker Expo—attendance approx 8 000 2005 Newcastle Travel Expo—attendance approx 11 000 2005 Adelaide AFTA Travel Show—attendance approx 13 550
- 2005 Wagga Wagga Travel Show—attendance approx 2 150
- 2005 Albury Travel Show—attendance approx 2 150 2005 Horsham Travel Show—attendance approx 3 000
- 2005 Wollongong Holiday & Travel Show—attendance approx 1 950
- 2005 Adelaide Caravan & Camping Show—attendance approx 31 200
- 2005 Perth Caravan & Camping Show-attendance approx 34 800
- 2005 Sydney Travel Expo-attendance approx 30 000
- 2005 Perth Travel Expo—attendance approx 34 800
- 2005 Melbourne Travel Expo-attendance approx 20 000
- 2005 Bendigo Travel Show—attendance approx 910
- 2005 Sydney Caravan & Camping Show—attendance approx 75 600
- 2005 Brisbane Caravan & Camping Show—attendance approx 72 900
- Eco Living Expo—Adelaide—attendance approximately 4000
- Surf, Dive, and Action Expo-Sydney-Attendance approx
- Wine Australia—Sydney—attendance over 19 000—The SATC and the SA wine regions also jointly hosted a VIP travel media dinner during the event.

The cost to participate in the above consumer shows totalled approx \$157 100.

Trade Shows

- 2004 'TalkSA' Sydney and Melbourne—100 retail agents and 50 Inbound Tour Operators participated—SATC initiated show
- 2005 'DiscoverSA'—45 Inbound Tour Operators participated— SATC initiated show
- 2005 Australian Tourism Exchange, Perth—750 international buyer delegates attended. 34 South Australian operators participated.

The cost to participate in, and conduct the above trade shows totalled \$225 000.

SATC CONSULTANTS

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) engaged one consultant in 2004-05. This consultancy was a joint project with the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH).

The consultant, Corporate Ascent, was appointed to undertake a review into existing accommodation and campsites within reserves in South Australia.

The cost of the consultancy was \$63 000. This cost was split between DEH and the SATC.

The consultant was appointed through a public tender process. ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

The Adelaide Convention Centre engaged one consultant for the 2004-05 financial year.

The consultant, Rushton Group was engaged to undertake the critical assessment of the Centre's building, plant and equipment at a cost of \$46,700. and the revaluation of the building, plant and equipment at a cost of \$75 646.

Given the specialist nature of the undertakings, the consultancy was tendered by invitation.

ADELAIDE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Expenditure by the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Consultancy for the

2004-05 year is detailed below:

Date	Consultant	Description Services	Amount \$
8/09/2004	Leadenhall Australia Limited	Property Services	1,576
14/09/2004	Colliers International Consulting Services	Property Services	2,750
5/10/2004	Colliers International Consulting Services	Property Services	2,500
24/11/2004	GHD	Assessment of Seating Fire Indicies	3,450
25/11/2004	GHD	118-124 Port Road Hindmarsh Structural Report	2,100
25/11/2005	GHD	Structural Assessment of Plantroom Structure	575
			12,951

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.

DOMESTIC TOURISM CAMPAIGN SOUTH-EAST **QUEENSLAND**

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) targets high yield travellers and SA Preferrers (people who have SA on the holiday shopping list). The largest portion of these groups are found in Sydney & Melbourne. Sydney—117 000 are Ideal Travellers and 56 000 prefer to come

to SA;

Melbourne—113 000 are Ideal Travellers and 93 000 prefer to come to SA;

Sydney and Melbourne are also more likely than the average population to house these groups; for Ideal Travellers 14 per cent and 28 per cent more likely, respectively. Melbourne is also 41 per cent more likely to house SA Preferrers.

Brisbane has only 37 000 Ideal Travellers and 27 000 SA Preferrers, hence our plan to target Melbourne and Sydney

However, the SATC did in fact promote South Australia through the Rediscover the Secrets of South Australia campaign in South-East Queensland by

- Direct mailing 60 000 copies of the Rediscover Yourself booklet to households in Gold Coast, Canberra and Hobart when Virgin Blue and Jetstar released new flights to Adelaide from these
- Placing magazine advertisements in national publications where the distribution includes South-East Queensland-these titles include:
 - Australian Geographic
 - The Australian Magazine
 - Australian Gourmet Traveller
 - Australian Gourmet Wine
 - Australian House & Garden
 - Winestate
- Australian Wine Selector
- Co-operatively placing newspaper advertisements with AAT Kings (\$31 000 co-op value) and Travel Link (\$94 000 co-op value) where the SATC provide \$2 for every \$1 invested by the industry partner—newspapers included: Brisbane Sunday Mail (Escape)

 - Gold Coast Bulletin
 - Toowoomba Chronicle
 - Sunshine Coast Daily.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: Average attendance rates for years 10, 11 and 12 for 2003 and 2004 are provided below:

2003 2004 Year 88 per cent 88 per cent 10 11 89 per cent 89 per cent 89 per cent 90 per cent

Schools are locally managed and have flexibility to determine lesson length and daily instruction times within a requirement of a minimum of 51/4 hours of instruction per day.

There are 3 categories of absence during a school day:

Late arrivals/Early departures

Half day absences—morning/afternoon

Whole day absence.

Schools will record student absence details in relation to those times of day, according to their locally established criteria.

State level rates are based only on whole day absences.

No attendance data is available on part-time students at a system wide level. Most part-time students are in post-compulsory schooling and are often in combinations of school, training and employment. Participation in alternative pathways is managed at the local school level and attendance is recorded by schools.

ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Adelaide Convention Centre's (ACC) strategies to increase its market share focuses on enhancing its profile in the meeting industry and on Adelaide and South Australia as a destination for conference delegates.

Some of the ACC's marketing strategies have been formulated to capitalise on the new Adelaide Airport international terminal (to be completed later this year).

As a result of identifying and attracting new business sectors, the ACC has begun exploring new initiatives such as religious, health, lifestyle and defence markets. The ACC has also been a driving force behind the Global Congress Alliance in which it remains heavily involved.

The ACC is the only Centre in Australia to offer all event related products and services in-house, whilst competing Centres' outsource various parts of their products and services offered.

The strategies of the ACC will continue to enable the Centre to been seen as a leader in its field, operating successfully in an ever changing world market.

EYRE PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

In reply to Hon M.R. BUCKBY.

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

The pipeline to supply water to the Eyre Peninsula was not listed as a new initiative because the Eyre Peninsula water supply project represents work in progress. Accordingly, the Eyre Peninsula water supply project was listed on page 44 of Budget Paper 5.

TRAINING OF SCHOOL COUNSELLORS

In reply to Hon. M.R. BUCKBY.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: The Government has allocated \$2.1 million over four years as a part of the Keeping Them Safe initiative for the purpose of on-going specialist training and professional support to school counsellors. This was announced in the 2004-2005 State Budget.

This funding will ensure school counsellors have the skills to support children at risk in government schools including those under the Guardianship of the Minister for Families and Communities.

FAMILY DAY CARE

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: There is a shortage of skilled workers in the childcare sector nationally, which is also reflected in South Australia. Currently there are 1027 approved Family Day Care (FDC) providers in South Australia.

At this stage, the number of Family Day Care providers who will operate in 2006 cannot be predicted.

However, there are currently 108 trainees enrolled in the Certificate III Community services Children's Services, the entrylevel course for FDC in South Australia.

Several projects are underway to recruit and mentor FDC providers through local businesses and employers.

There are also several state based initiatives where employers, for example regional health services, are providing assistance to individuals to establish their Family Day Care business. These strategies will result in increases in the number of carers, however the establishment phase takes 6 months and the impact of these strategies will not be evident until 2006.

FEASIBILITY STUDIES—CAPITAL WORKS

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN. The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:** The schools that will receive feasibility studies in 2005 are:

- Balaklava Schools
- Blair Athol Primary School
- Craigmore High School
- Forbes Primary School (relocation of Harcourt Gardens Preschool)
- Gawler High School
- Gordon Education Centre
- Kadina Primary School
- Meadows Primary School
- Millicent High School
- Roseworthy Primary School
- Salisbury High School
- The Heights R-12 School (preschool)
- Whyalla Stuart Schools (co-location)
- Yalata Aboriginal School

In addition, the feasibility studies for the following schools will be updated in relation to the cost estimates:

- Berri Primary School
- Ferrydon Park Primary School
- Gilles Street Primary School
- Highgate Primary School

Seaton Park Primary School Funding totalling \$433,000 has been allowed to undertake the identified feasibility studies.

INVESTMENT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

In reply to Mr SCALZI. The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: An explanation of the \$12.4 million decrease is provided in the 2004-05 Capital Investment Statement, Budget Paper No. 5, which states:

The 2003-04 estimated result was less than budget due to the

implementation of a revised tender schedule for Government projects by the Department of Administrative and Information Services. The revised tender schedule altered the timing of expenditure on several projects.

A reduction of \$8.2 million has been made to the 2004-05 investing budget and has been approved to be carried over to 2005-06.

AUSTRALIAN MAJOR EVENTS, MEDIA EXPOSURE

In reply to **Mrs HALL. The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:** In 2004-05 Australian Major Events Group managed three major events and not 14. The other 11 events were sponsored by AME

The following table provides the media exposure generated by the three managed events:

Major Events—2004-05	Media Exposure
2004 Credit Union Christmas Pageant	\$3.5 million
2005 Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under	\$20 million, plus 60+ hours of international and national broadcast media
2005 The Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive	Currently being finalised

As events sponsored by AME are responsible for managing their own media exposure, AME does not currently have access to this figure.

However, AME is developing a survey tool that will enable it to collect media exposure figures from its sponsored events. This survey tool will be in place by the end of this year.

AME has set the following targets for media exposure in 2005-06:

Event	Media Exposure Target	
2005 World Solar Challenge	\$8 million	
2005 Tasting Australia	\$12 million	
2005 Credit Union Christmas Pageant	\$3.5 million, including free-to-air television broadcast aired locally on a metropolitan network, regionally and nationally.	
2006 Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under	\$20 million in media exposure (generated through PR) as well as additional exposure through a national free-to-air daily broadcast in prime time and late night screenings and live coverage of at least the closing stage	
2006 The Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive Media and Trade Familiarisation	\$2 million	
Event	Visitor Numbers	
Credit Union Christmas Pageant	As research was conducted for the first time in 2004, perform-	
	ance targets will be measured after the 2005 event.	
	2004 Visitors	
	Interstate - 800	
Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under	Regional South Australia - 3,300 2003 Visitors 2005 Visitors	
Jacob's Cleek Tour Down Onder	Interstate - 10,200 Interstate - 10,985	
	Overseas - 600 Overseas - 685	
	TOTAL: 10,800 TOTAL - 11,670	
	Increase in Visitors from 2003-2005 (%)	
	Interstate - 7.12%	
	Overseas - 12.41%	
	TOTAL - 7.46%	
	Research was not conduced for the 2004 event	

The Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive	 2002 Event 603 "saddles" (tours) were booked. This figure does not specify a breakdown between "free of charge" (saddles provided for media and VIPs) and "fully paid" saddles. There is also no visitor origin breakdown available for the 2002 event. 2005 Event
	 426 saddles were booked in 2005. 4% of these were paid from the event budget and were provided to sponsors, such as Tourism Australia, who used the saddles to host international media.
	 Data relating to the 2005 event is still being complied and therefore detailed visitor origin information is not yet avail- able.
World Solar Challenge	 As this is a biennial event, visitation targets cannot be measured until after the 2005 event.
Tasting Australia	· As this is a biennial event, visitation targets cannot be

EVENTS MARKETING BUDGET LINES AND CALENDAR

In reply to Mrs HALL.

The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH: A Marketing and Public Relations budget line is set for each of the five major events

managed by Australian Major Events. The budget line is based on the event's marketing requirements, rather than on a percentage.

measured until after the 2005 event.

The following table details the Marketing and Public Relations budget line set for each event:

EVENT	MARKETING AND PR BUDGET
Credit Union Christmas Pageant 12 November 2005	Marketing and PR combined - \$26,500 in 2005-06
Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under 18 to 23 January 2005	Marketing - \$245,500 in 2004-05 PR - \$60,000 in 2004-05
The Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive 30 April to 11 June 2005	Marketing - \$125,580 in 2004-05 PR - \$17,000 in 2004-05
World Solar Challenge 25 September to 2 October 2005	Marketing - \$45,334 over 2004-05 and 2005-06 PR - \$50,000 over 2004-05 and 2005-06
Tasting Australia 21 October to 30 October 2005	Marketing - \$188,400 over 2004-05 and 2005-06 PR - \$30,000 over 2004-05 and 2005-06

As advised during the Estimates Hearing, the South Australian Tourism Commission now produces a quarterly events calendar—a summer, spring, autumn and winter edition.

The summer, spring and autumn editions are a double-sided A4 calendar and the winter calendar is a double-page spread in the South Australian Tourism Commission's *Winter Sale* brochure.

The 2004-05 budget for the four editions of the events calendar was over \$150,000. This figure is in addition to the marketing and public relations budget lines provided above.

CONSULTANTS, EXPENDITURE

In reply to Ms CHAPMAN. The Hon. J.D. LOMAX-SMITH:

Department of Education and Children's Services

Number of consultancies in 2004-05 1

Name of the Consultant Brenton Wright, Lizard Drinking

P/L

Work undertaken Inquiry into Early Childhood

Services

Cost of Consultancy \$37,700

Method of appointment Direct Negotiation

Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia

Number of Consultants

Name of Consultant Graham Foreman

Work Undertaken Performance review of the Chief

Executive, Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South

Australia

Cost of consultancy \$4,969

Method of Appointment Recommendation by the Board Board approved project brief

Name of Consultant Robert Bath

Work Undertaken Research and write speech for St. Ignatius College speech day

Cost of consultancy \$250

Method of Appointment

Selected from writers register

established by public advertisement

Teachers Registration Board

There was no expenditure on consultants for 2004-05.

EYRE PENINSULA, WATER SUPPLY

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

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

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LAND TAX

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: The Treasurer has provided the following response:

The Member has asked what eligibility criteria the Government will use to ensure that the principal place of residence exemption for land tax is managed fairly and equitably, noting that some people may be inappropriately claiming a principal place of residence exemption and avoiding detection by not actively advertising the business activity they conduct from that family home.

Tax avoidance is managed through compliance programs conducted by RevenueSA. There is always scope for people to inappropriately claim tax exemptions; that is why compliance programs are put in place.

The land tax measures which the Government has introduced will reduce the tax incentive not to disclose that a business is being conducted from a principal place of residence.

This is because the land tax amendments which the Government has introduced will enable businesses to be conducted from a

principal place of residence while, in most cases, retaining entitlement to full or partial exemptions for the principal place of residence. To be eligible for a principal place of residence exemption, the following conditions must be met:

- the land must be owned by a natural person and constitute his or her principal place of residence;
- the buildings on the land must be predominantly residential in character: and
- the business use proportion which determines whether a full or partial exemption applies must be less than 75 per cent.

In determining the residential character of the land, reliance will initially be placed on whether the property has a residential land use code determined by the Valuer General.

Where a property does not have a residential land use code, the residential character of the buildings will be determined having regard to their design and functionality.

The extent of tax relief for eligible land will be determined by reference to the floor area used for a business or commercial purpose relative to the total floor area of all buildings on the land. Basing the calculation on the total floor area of all buildings on the land maximises the potential benefit to the taxpayer.

A full exemption will apply where the business use proportion is less than 25 per cent; partial exemptions will apply where the business use accounts for between 25 per cent and 75 per cent of the total floor area of all buildings on the land.

If more than 75 per cent of the floor area of all buildings on the land is used for a business or commercial purpose, no exemption is available. That is because such a property is considered to be essentially used for commercial purposes and, consistent with the land tax status of other commercial activities, should be liable for

In reply to Hon. D.C. KOTZ.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: The Treasurer has provided the following response:

The Government has introduced land tax amendments that will enable more people to obtain land tax exemptions (either full or partial exemptions) in respect of the principal place of residence, even if a business activity is conducted from that residence. These expanded exemption entitlements apply to all business activities conducted from a principal place of residence and are not restricted to bed and breakfast operations.

Where a residence has a shared use as a principal place of residence and for a business operation, the taxable component of the land will be determined using an apportionment formula. That formula has been determined and is incorporated in the amended land tax legislation.

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A full exemption will apply where the business use proportion is less than 25 per cent; partial exemptions will apply where the business use accounts for between 25 per cent and 75 per cent of the total floor area of all buildings on the land.

If more than 75 per cent of the floor area of all buildings on the land is used for a business or commercial purpose, no exemption is available. That is because such a property is considered to be essentially used for commercial purposes and, consistent with the land tax status of other commercial activities, should be liable for land tax.

The business use proportion applies to the proportion of the land that is taxed. For example, if the business purpose accounts for 30 per cent or more but less than 35 per cent of the total floor area of all buildings on the land, tax will be levied only on 30 per cent of the property's land value (ie, the taxable value of the land will be reduced by 70 per cent). Similarly, if 40 per cent or more but less than 45 per cent of the land is used for a business purpose, tax will be levied only on 40 per cent of the property's land value (ie, the taxable value of the land will be reduced by 60 per cent).

The apportionment schedule is provided in full below.

Area used for business or commercial	Percentage
purpose expressed as a percentage	reduction in
of the total floor area of all	taxable value
buildings on the land	of land
More than 75%	nil
75%	25%
70% or more but less than 75%	30%
65% or more but less than 70%	35%
60% or more but less than 65%	40%
55% or more but less than 60%	45%
50% or more but less than 55%	50%
45% or more but less than 50%	55%
40% or more but less than 45%	60%
35% or more but less than 40%	65%
30% or more but less than 35%	70%
25% or more but less than 30%	75%
(Less than 25%)	(100%)

Common areas will be treated as being used for residential purposes, not commercial purposes, in calculating the business use proportion. Excluding common areas from the business use area also maximises the potential benefit to the taxpayer.

These new provisions extend available concessions by making it possible for more owners of principal places of residence that are also being used for a business purpose to obtain full or partial land tax exemptions.

CITY CENTRAL

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH. The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD:** The office of Science, Technology and Innovation is located on Level 11, 1 King William Street, occupying a space of 671m² plus 13m² of storage in the basement. There are currently 38 staff members occupying the space, equating to 17.65m² per person, which does not comply with the Government Office Accommodation Committee (GOAC) mandated standard of 15m² per person.

STI is currently paying a rent of \$195,890 per annum (based on figures supplied by DAIS Real Estate Management in May 2005) in King William Street. The lease is due to expire on 31 December 2006 with 2 x 3 month rights of renewal.

It is anticipated that STI will relocate to City Central in December 2006. In calculating the STI component for rental within City Central it has been assumed that each staff member will occupy 15m² of space as per the GOAC mandated standard to be met in City Central. The rent is based on an area requirement of 570m² (38 staff x 15m²) and a starting rent of \$375/m².

The Gross rental for the first year for STI is estimated to be \$213,750, which equates to an annual difference of \$17,860 per annum.

The total estimated relocation cost for STI at \$10/m² (based on figure supplied by DAIS Real Estate Management) is approximately \$6,700.

FORWARD ESTIMATES

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised that the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation will make the following savings over the forward estimate period:

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
600	615	630	646

These savings will be achieved through the application of an efficiency dividend across Departmental programs as follows:

	2005-	2006-	2007-	2008-
	2006	2007	2008	2009
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Program 1 Natural Resource	e			
Management	320	328	336	345
Program 2 Natural Resource	e			
Management	280	287	294	301
(River Murray)				

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I have received this advice: As this omnibus question refers to the whole of Justice Portfolio, the Attorney-General will respond on a Departmental level on behalf of all Business Units.

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I have received this advice: As indicated in Table 2.23 of the 2005-06 Budget Statement, (Budget Paper 2, pages 2.38 and 2.39), the 2005-06 Budget for the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology does not include any savings initiatives.

Bio Innovation SA does not have any specific savings strategy in place and no savings targets to meet, however, the organisation is conscious of energy efficiencies in purchasing equipment and reducing utility bills. A review of operating costs is done regularly, to reduce costs for goods and services purchased by the agency.

There were no material cost savings for Playford Capital. Playford is reducing its floor area, however the ongoing rental saving is offset by the costs of capital works which will be amortised over the four-year lease period.

CONSULTANTS, EXPENDITURE

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

The following table contains a breakdown of the various consultancy expenditures and associated information undertaken by the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation in 2004-05. It should be noted that the Department's financial statements for 2004-05 have not been finalised and audited and so the details may be subject to change.

Consultant	Cost \$	Work undertaken	Method of appointment
Marsden Jacob Associates	13,631	River Murray costing study	Competitive quotation process
INTEC Consulting Group	50,340	Establish information and applications architecture for DWLBC	Public tender
Econ Search	60,000	Development of a pilot project for the adoption of new management practices through Conservation Insurance marked based instruments	Waive the competitive process because of prior involvement through PIRSA and only provider in this specialist field
CSIRO	103,000	Institutional and economic policy options for offsetting the cost of large scale revegetation and vegetation enhancement in the River Murray corridor	Waive the competitive process because of prior involvement and specialist knowledge

CONSULTANTS

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: The following table outlines consultancies where costs have been incurred during 2004-05 relating to the Department of Trade and Economic Development that are within my Ministerial responsibility of Regional Development and

Small Business. They do not include the Economic Development and Industry and Trade areas of the Department which are the responsibilities of other Ministers. These amounts do not include any accruals or adjustments to classification that may be required by the Auditor-General which may be identified as part of the 30 June Financial Statement preparation and audit.

	Value of consultancy			
Method of appointment	contracts	Names of consulting firms and summary of services		
Selected tender	\$11,500	Colmar Brunton Research Services Pty Ltd—Small Business Needs Evaluation & Service Analysis		
Selected tender	\$20,000	Indigo Consulting Group Pty Ltd—Facilitation of the Business Enterprise Centres review		
Single Offer	\$420	Chris J Howis Coaching Services—Critique of the action plan prepared by the Mid North Regional Development Board in response to the governance review conducted by Chris Howis		
Selected tender	\$52,250	EconSearch Pty Ltd—Quantify the economic contribution of regional South Australia		
Single Offer	\$8,976	Kristine Peters Project Management—Assistance with Regional Development Plan		
Selected tender	\$5,000	PKF Accounting (SA) Pty Ltd—Financial capability assessment & feasibility study review—Australian Zircon NL		
Selected tender	\$5,000	PKF Accounting (SA) Pty Ltd—Financial capability assessment & feasibility study review—Coonawarra Gold Pty Ltd		
Single Offer	\$8,000	Power Management Consulting Pty Ltd—Independent Review of Australian Zircon's power supply options		
Single offer	\$17,500	Adelaide & Innovations P/L—Significance of Family Business Closures in South Australia.		
Single offer	\$1,650	Barnett Communications—Event Management for Small Business Week Launch		
Selected tender	\$7,260	Fit for Market—Develop a marketing plan for the Small Business Development Council		
Single offer	\$14,935	New Focus—Quantitative research to determine Small Business Weeks topics, speakers and price sensitivity		
Single offer	\$8,514	Patrick Baker & Associates—Develop a marketing /action plan for Small Business Week 2005		

BUILDING INDEMNITY INSURANCE

In reply to Hon. DEAN BROWN.
The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: The honourable member raised a number of questions in relation to the effectiveness of building indemnity insurance. The following information is provided in re-

sponse to those questions.

I am advised that the Building Work Contractors Act 1995 (the Act) currently requires a builder to take out a policy of insurance in favour of a homeowner, when performing building work under a domestic building work contract valued at over \$12 000 and for which development approval is required.

The policy is intended to insure the person in respect of the risk of loss resulting from non completion of the building work by reason of the insolvency, death or disappearance of the contractor.

It is an offence for a builder to perform domestic building work without having such a policy of insurance in place. The builder is required to give the consumer evidence that the insurance is in place

In May 2005, I requested the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs to commence a review of the Building Work Contractors Act (the Act) in relation to licensing criteria.

I have since requested the Commissioner to extend the review of the Act to consider the effectiveness of the building indemnity insurance scheme, as a consumer protection mechanism. I advise that the review will address the specific building indemnity issues raised by the honourable member during the Estimates Committee.

EYRE PENINSULA RAIL PROJECTS

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

The Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Patrick Conlon MP, signed an agreement with the Commonwealth Government on Friday 24 June 2005 which states that the Federal Government will provide \$15 million in funding for Eyre Peninsula rail projects. A proposal was submitted to the Commonwealth AusLink program by the Eyre Regional Development Board and the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, on behalf of the project partners, and in response the Commonwealth has provided funding to the State to be used to upgrade the railway. The money will provide key rail infrastructure for grain producers on the peninsula.

The Federal funding will be used in addition to the \$10 million in Rann Government funding for road and rail improvements (including existing project resources and \$5.7 million of new funding allocated in the 2005-06 Budget).

FAIR TRADING ACT

In reply to Ms THOMPSON.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

The Fair Trading Act 1987 was last amended in October 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OPERATING COSTS

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

The saving target for 2005-06 for the Department of Trade and Economic Development amounted to \$609 000. This saving target will be achieved by a rationalisation of administrative activities.

The savings have been allocated across all divisions of the Department and have focussed on a reduction in general goods and services expenditure. For example the budget for 2005-06 for general expenditure such as stationery, printer and computer consumables, information technology charges, interstate/intrastate travel and sundry expenses has been kept at the 2004-05 budgeted levels.

No staffing reductions were required to meet these savings

Support to industry and industry development activities has not been reduced to meet these targets.

PROGRAM BUDGETS

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I have received this advice:

1. The recent inclusion of Multicultural Services and Guardianship Services to the Department led to the review of all program budgets for 2005-06. As a result of this review, overheads allocated to existing programs were redistributed, hence the reduction in the 2005-06 Employee Entitlement budget for Program 2: Consumer and Business Affairs.

2. The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) currently employs 226 full-time equivalents. This is 2.7 fewer than 2004-05 and partly due to the merger of the Corporate Affairs and Compliance Branch and Policy and Legal Unit.

THEBARTON BOSCIENCE PRECINCT

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

Cabinet approved total funding of \$5.9 million to extend the Thebarton Bioscience Precinct on 24 March 2003.

A 4.7ha land parcel to extend the Bioscience Precinct at Thebarton was purchased for a total price of \$3.333 million from Michell Australia Pty Ltd with the final invoice dated 22 April 2003.

\$2.6 million was budgeted for demolition, remediation and subdivision.

Responsibility for the Thebarton Bioscience Precinct was transferred from the Department for Trade and Economic Development (DTED) to Bio Innovation SA in March 2004. Bio Innovation SA in March 2004. vation SA acquired assets totalling \$5.140 million from DTED as part of the restructure, for Land and Capital Works in Progress valued at \$3.438 million, plus cash of \$1.702 million.

Budget for Land and Remedial Work

Land \$3.3 million Demolition, remediation & subdivision \$2.6 million Total Budget Allocation \$5.9 million

MAWSON INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED **MANUFACTURING**

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

The State Government has committed \$8 million over the next 4 years (\$2 million per annum) for the new Mawson Institute of Advanced Manufacturing which will be located at the University of South Australia's Mawson Lakes campus. The State Government's support will be used for the refurbishment of an existing building to establish new laboratories and for the purchase of new equipment necessary for world class research. The University will be investing greater resources to establish the Institute in addition to the funding they currently spend on manufacturing research. Once established the Institute will provide the opportunity for the University to expand its existing collaboration with the CSIRO on manufacturing technology research with the future intent of further integrating their research teams on key projects. It is anticipated that additional financial support will be sought from the Commonwealth Government by the University under the Commonwealth's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy. The State Government's support for the Institute will assist the University leverage additional Commonwealth funding.

INCUBATOR PROGRAMS

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

Playford Capital received a total of \$12.14 million or 10.3 per cent of all funding available under the combined Building on IT Strengths (BITS) and ICT Incubator Programs.

Other incubators involved in the BITS/ICT incubators programs have received an average of \$10.59 million.

AGRILINK

In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:

- 1. Playford did make an investment in Agrilink during 2003-04. This investment was announced by press release but was omitted from the annual report due to an administrative error.
- 2. The annual report shows that Playford investees reported a 5 per cent decrease in sales for the financial year 2003-04. These figures measure changes in sales by Playford investees from 2002-03

to 2003-04. The calculations exclude the sales of companies in which Playford invested for the first time during 2003-04. Playford invested in Agrilink during 2003-04, and so its sales figures were excluded from this calculation.

3. No.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRES

- In reply to Mr HAMILTON-SMITH.
 The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD: I am advised:
 1. During 2004-05 the business enterprise centres received 8329 contacts and assisted 3021 small businesses.
 2. It is expected that the additional funding will allow the centres to the state of the to acquire better resources and that the number of businesses that will be assisted will reach 4000 in the first year 2005-06 and will grow by a further 5 per cent per annum thereafter.
- 3. During 2004-05 the Department of Trade and Economic Development (through the Office of Small Business) conducted:
- 93 'Starting Your Own Business' workshops, which were attended by 1180 business intenders, and 43 'Better Business Series' workshops, which were attended by
- 1796 small business owner/managers.
- 4. Over the next four years it is envisaged that a total of 260 workshops per annum will be held.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

In reply to **Hon. D.C. KOTZ. The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD:** The following table outlines the salary and non salary components of programs relating to Small

	SALARY	NON SALARY	TOTAL
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	0	100,000	100,000
SMALL BUSINESS SERVICE CENTRES	104,000	1,986,000	2,090,000
BUSINESS LICENSING INFORMATION SERVICE	0	186,000	186,000
SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY SERVICE	0	110,000	110,000
FAMILY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	99,727	0	99,727
BETTER BUSINESS SERIES WORKSHOPS	0	165,000	165,000
BUSINESS OWNERS COACHING PROGRAM	0	175,000	175,000
START YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKSHOPS	0	31,000	31,000
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP	0	155,000	155,000
BUSINESS ADVISORS COMPETENCY STANDARDS	0	52,000	52,000
SMALL BUSINESS WEEK	0	250,000	250,000
TOTAL	203,727	3,210,000	3,413,727