

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B****20-26 June 2012****HEALTH BUDGET**

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH (Waite)** (20 June 2012).

The Hon. J.D. HILL (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for the Arts): I am advised:

1. SA Health established a project team, which included contractor support, to address these issues. Whilst this team was principally staffed by SA Health employees, it was supplemented by contractor support sourced from PKF Business Advisors, at a total cost of \$1.6 million. This was slightly below the figure of \$1.7 million, which was the maximum estimated cost I advised the house of on 1 May 2012.

CEDUNA DRUG AND ALCOHOL CENTRE

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH (Waite)** (20 June 2012).

The Hon. J.D. HILL (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for the Arts): I am advised:

1. The \$1.27 million expenditure was related to the completion of construction works on the new drug and alcohol recovery centre for the Aboriginal community in Ceduna. The project reached practical completion in the March quarter of 2012. The variation in the 2011-12 budget of \$1.27 million reflects the carry-over adjustment made from 2010-11 for this project after the 2011-12 budget had been presented.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH (Waite)** (20 June 2012).

The Hon. J.D. HILL (Kaurna—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for the Arts): I am advised:

1. The number of people who work at DASSA is 220 full-time equivalent staff. The top five positions by title and salary per annum are:

- Director, Clinical Workforce Development and Standards—salary \$332,016 which includes base salary, allowances and superannuation
- Manager, Eastern DASSA/Senior Consultant—salary \$319,958 which includes base salary, allowances and superannuation
- Senior Consultant—salary \$319,489 which includes base salary, allowances and superannuation
- Senior Consultant—salary \$308,845 which includes base salary, allowances and superannuation
- Director, Community-Based Treatment Interventions—salary \$299,317 which includes base salary, allowances and superannuation

EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP VACANCIES

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): From the total pool of leadership vacancies advertised, only a very small number do not receive any applications in the first instance. This may be for a variety of reasons, including geographical location or an assumption that the incumbent leader is likely to re-apply for the position. These positions have all subsequently been filled.

PARENT COMPLAINT UNIT

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

The Parent Complaint Unit employs 4 staff.

For 2012-13 a budget of \$431,000 has been allocated to the unit.

EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

There have been no moneys provided to any of the 28 schools beyond their standard entitlements.

CADELL FERRY

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

An officer from the Department for Education and Child Development's Transport Services Unit was contacted by an officer from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. Advice was provided to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION INVOICES

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

Room hire for meetings at the AEU is a preferred option if the Education Development Centre at Hindmarsh is not available or does not have a suitably sized room available. This is particularly the case for full day workshops or a series of workshops. In terms of price, facilities and central access, the AEU is a good alternative. Parking is only a problem if multiple venues at the AEU have been booked.

E-CARL SYSTEM

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

The project is being completed within existing resources. Families SA is now seeking to finalise a business case for the wider application of e-CARL to larger numbers of mandated notifiers in the Department for Education and Child Development, SA Health as well as the South Australia Police.

SCHOOL INTAKE

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

The savings relate to lower costs for the Department for Education and Child Development as a result of there being only one intake of children in the relevant preschool and reception year when compared to the current policy of a continuous intake throughout the year, and some children having more than one year in reception.

CHILDCARE COSTS

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

The Department for Education and Child Development does not collect data on fee rates charged by long day care centre operators.

UNREGULATED CHILDCARE CENTRES

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (22 June 2012).

The Hon. G. PORTOLESI (Hartley—Minister for Education and Child Development): I am advised:

The Education and Early Childhood Services Board does not regulate the personal arrangements that parents may choose to make for the care of their children. I am not aware of any current data available to ascertain if there are any trends in the use of personal arrangements by families.

The board regularly receives information from a range of community sources and agencies that share a concern for the wellbeing of children. If the board has reason to believe that a service may be operating without the required approvals the circumstances are investigated and, if necessary, acted upon to ensure that any requirements are met.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY COSTS

In reply to the **Hon. I.F. EVANS (Davenport)** (25 June 2012).

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations): I can advise:

1. Both the department and I estimate a net benefit of \$3.29 million per year to South Australian businesses. This is the combined effect of a net cost of \$3.32 million per year, and a net benefit of \$6.61 million per year.

SAFEWORK SA

In reply to the **Hon. I.F. EVANS (Davenport)** (25 June 2012).

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations): I have been advised:

1. SafeWork SA undertakes significant compliance and enforcement campaigns, all of which have a preventative and educative dimension.

It is not helpful to carve off a proportion of SafeWork SA's budget as being dedicated to one component of activities when the entire effort of the organisation is about supporting principles of safe and fair work.

If the honourable member is referring specifically to the proposed work health and safety legislation, the honourable member should be aware that the legal duties of the proposed legislation are no different to those that are in place now.

Accordingly, there is no significant change to their obligations. Notwithstanding this, SafeWork SA has provided information and guidance on nationally harmonised work health and safety legislation.

SafeWork SA's education program, which is ongoing and integral to service delivery, incorporates this information.

SAFEWORK SA

In reply to the **Hon. I.F. EVANS (Davenport)** (25 June 2012).

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations): I have been advised:

1. Statistics from WorkCover data confirm that 84 falls occurred in the housing industry over the past five years. In the three year period from 2009 to 2011, the following falls were recorded:

- 2011: 13 falls
- 2010: 21 falls
- 2009: 18 falls

There is insufficient information within the WorkCover data to identify equipment failure as the primary cause of the fall.

Speculating on the elements of causation is not helpful in that the *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 2010* demand a range of measures be implemented to prevent falls from heights. The number of serious falls indicates that prescribed measures were not in place and the level of compliance needs to be improved.

2. A SafeWork SA Inspector visits a site where a fall from height is notified as a notifiable dangerous occurrence.

3. Of the 84 falls reported as WorkCover claims, six were notified to SafeWork SA. This position reinforces the magnitude of underreporting in this industry and the lack of compliance with existing legal requirements.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

In reply to the **Hon. I.F. EVANS (Davenport)** (25 June 2012).

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY (Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for State/Local Government Relations): I have been advised:

1. The cost of the Bottomley report was \$21,200 and the cost of the Ogden report was \$5,500. These costs were incurred in the 2009-10 financial year.