

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

26 June-2 July 2013

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT

In reply to various members.

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL (Cheltenham—Premier, Treasurer, Minister for State Development, Minister for the Public Sector, Minister for the Arts): I have been advised of the following:

This question has been asked during the 2013 Estimates Committee.

The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

The South Australian Public Sector Workforce Information Summary Report provides information about the structure, size and composition of the SA Public Sector workforce. Information is published annually on the Office of Public Employment and Review website—www.oper.sa.gov.au. Workforce data for July 2013 will be published towards the end of the year.

COUNTRY DIALYSIS SERVICES

In reply to **Mr VENNING (Schubert)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In 2010 and 2011, an additional 10 haemodialysis chairs were added to the Country Health SA Local Health Network renal dialysis services, increasing the number of chairs available to 42.

There are now 11 haemodialysis units in country South Australia of varying size and capacity including Berri, Ceduna, Clare, Maitland, Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, South Coast and Whyalla. An additional four chairs are being added in 2014 with increases to be seen at Berri and Port Lincoln.

SA Health closely monitors the demand for dialysis services across the state. Resources are not currently available to establish any new services, including in the Barossa region.

OBESITY PREVENTION AND LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): OPAL was established in 20 communities over four phases:

- Phase 1 commenced in 2009 and includes: City of Marion, City of Onkaparinga, City of Playford, City of Salisbury, City of Mount Gambier and the City of Port Augusta.
- Phase 2 commenced in 2010 and includes: City of Port Adelaide Enfield, City of Charles Sturt, City of Whyalla and the District Council of the Copper Coast.
- Phase 3 commenced in 2011 and includes: City of West Torrens, City of Murray Bridge, Mid Murray Council, a combined three council site of District Council of Mount Remarkable, Northern Areas Council and District Council of Peterborough and a second site in City of Playford.
- Phase 4 commenced in 2012 and includes: Alexandrina Council, Coorong District Council, Campbelltown City Council and second sites for City of Salisbury and the City of Charles Sturt.

The average cost per OPAL site for the five year program is \$1,380,000 of which SA Health's contribution is \$1,135,000 and the local council contribution is \$245,000.

Whilst SA Health paid an initial licence agreement fee of \$653,070 over four years, from 2009 to 2012, to establish Epode in South Australia, no fees have been paid since. No fee has been paid to join or maintain membership of the Epode International Network.

JAMES NASH HOUSE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): On 27 June 2013 there were a total of five female consumers in James Nash House (12.5 per cent of the inpatient population of 40), three of whom are Indigenous. At this time, a further two male Indigenous consumers were also in James Nash House.

Source: Forensic Mental Health Service Ward Clerk

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): The \$1.5 million was specifically used for health promotion activities and not for mental health programs.

Separate funding of \$1,045,000 was spent over 2011-12 and 2012-13 towards a destigmatisation campaign to change public perceptions towards people with mental illness. The campaign involved a series of television and radio advertisements along with billboards and posters.

MENTAL HEALTH PALLIATIVE CARE INITIATIVE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): During 2011-12 and in conjunction with the Northern Adelaide Medicare Local, the Lyell McEwin Hospital Palliative Care Service developed and implemented the Specialist Mental Health Initiative in Palliative Care.

The initiative aims to meet the psychological needs of patients and their families during the time they are in receipt of palliative care and later in bereavement. It is offered to patients and their families who may be experiencing psychological distress, such as anxiety, depression, and adjustment related difficulties such as grief and loss.

The service is free and is provided as an inpatient or as a community or home based service.

The program also includes support for both community and inpatient specialist teams caring for palliative care clients.

This project continues under the auspices of the Northern Adelaide Medicare Local.

SEVERE DOMESTIC SQUALOR

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): Severe domestic squalor affects people from a variety of backgrounds and is often associated with sources of disadvantage including chronic physical and mental health problems, insecure housing and social isolation.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) now recognises compulsive hoarding—which may result in severe domestic squalor—as a distinct neuropsychiatric disorder.

Traditionally, action to address severe domestic squalor was largely limited to cleaning the premises and would only be a temporary fix as the underlying causes of the squalor were not addressed.

Over time, the increasing recognition of individual circumstances—including mental health conditions such as compulsive hoarding now recognised in DSM-5—has prompted the Department for Health and Ageing to develop a more holistic approach that seeks to address the squalor and to support individuals to prevent squalid conditions from recurring.

This new approach is detailed in the guidelines 'A Foot in the Door—Stepping towards Solutions to Resolve Severe Domestic Squalor in South Australia' developed by the Department for Health and Ageing at the request of the former Public and Environmental Health Council in response to the growing number of cases of domestic squalor coming to their attention through clean-up notices served by local councils. Local councils are often the first to intervene in cases of severe domestic squalor through their role as authorities under public health legislation.

The guidelines and accompanying Severe Domestic Squalor Policy under the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* support local councils and other authorities in dealing with the growing and complex problem of severe domestic squalor through the promotion of a risk based and person centred model of coordinated service delivery to address both the squalor itself and support the person who finds themselves living in that situation.

This support includes coordinating health and social services for that person that will assist them with day-to-day living and help prevent the squalor from recurring.

The guidelines are the first of their kind in South Australia and are the product of consultation with government and non-government agencies including Families SA, Office of the Public Advocate, the RSPCA, Metropolitan Fire Service and a number of advocacy groups and local councils.

The guidelines aim to tackle squalor holistically through addressing both the symptom and the cause providing a lasting solution to the problem of severe domestic squalor in South Australia.

NALTREXONE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): There is a range of evidence-based treatment options for opioid dependence available in South Australia which already includes the prescription of oral naltrexone for opioid and alcohol related addiction.

CEDUNA DAY CENTRE

In reply to **Dr McFETRIDGE (Morphett)** (26 June 2013).

The Hon. J.J. SNELLING (Playford—Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for Defence Industries, Minister for Veterans' Affairs): The Ceduna Day Centre was opened in May, 2012. The centre aims to minimise substance misuse harms to Aboriginal people by providing a range of alcohol and other drug treatment programs and group activities.

Clients who visit the centre have access to services which include showers, meals, storage, support and advocacy, or can be referred by agencies such as health, legal and accommodation services for a range of treatment interventions.

Funding provided by the Australian Government Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health for the Ceduna Day Centre in 2012-13 was \$672,540.

Preliminary data indicates that in 2012-13, up to 30 May 2013, 43 clients commenced formal treatment, and there were approximately 10,600 visits for breakfast, lunch, showers and diversionary activities.

A 21 bed sobering up service is available 24 hour a day, seven days per week in Ceduna. The service is funded by the South Australian Department for Health and Ageing's Drug and Alcohol Services Program and delivered by the Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service Aboriginal Corporation.

NATION BUILDING 2 PROGRAM

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (27 June 2013).

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, Minister for Housing and Urban Development): I refer you to page 57 of *Hansard* on 26 June 2013, where the Treasurer commented in the DTF estimates committee hearing on this matter as follows:

The way a budget works is that parliament provides appropriation for the next financial year and each budget is dealt with on a year by year basis. These are budget papers that provide an extraordinary level of detail

over the forward estimates, but what is not published are contingencies, as a matter of practice. It has never been done before in this state and it won't be done now.

RENEWAL SA

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (27 June 2013).

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, Minister for Housing and Urban Development): I have been advised that Renewal SA's original 2012-13 budget for property sales was \$167 million. This was adjusted at the Mid-Year Budget Review to \$108 million to align to market conditions.

In respect to 'other' revenue, I am advised this includes income from Renewal SA properties (leases, rents), joint venture profit share, grants and subsidies (Community Service Obligation payments) and interest.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (27 June 2013).

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, Minister for Housing and Urban Development): The Minister for Social Housing has been advised:

\$30 million will be for Housing SA to construct approximately 100 social housing dwellings with an average cost of \$300,000 (GST inclusive) per property, including land value. The majority of dwellings built will be constructed on existing land owned by the South Australian Housing Trust. Where land is not available, land will be purchased on the open market.

\$20 million of the funding has been provided to nine community housing providers as capital grants to support the construction of 128 new affordable rental dwellings. In total, 82 homes to be built under this package are dedicated specifically to people with high support needs, with 29 of these allocated specifically for people living with disability. These organisations will be responsible for sourcing the land, determining the built form and managing the whole development process.

It is up to community housing providers to source land and projects will not involve developments on government owned land, although Renewal SA may assist community housing providers in identifying suitable, market based land opportunities.

Housing SA will apply a fee of 4.35 per cent of expenditure incurred to cover the cost of salaries and administration expenses attributable to the management and delivery of those projects. Projects are charged this internal fee to ensure that the cost of the assets produced includes all costs incurred in developing/constructing those assets. This is consistent with Australian Accounting Standards and is accepted by the Auditor-General.

Community housing capital grant funding has been devoted to supporting project development costs.

O-BAHN

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (27 June 2013).

The Hon. C.C. FOX (Bright—Minister for Transport Services, Minister Assisting the Minister for the Arts): I have been advised of the following:

There is no track realignment currently occurring.

The O-Bahn track is supported on piles embedded in the ground. A smooth riding surface is maintained by jacking up the track to its original design level and filling the gap between the top of the piles and underside of the track with high strength mortar grout.

Maintenance work involving track levelling to address a gradual settlement of the piles resulting in an uneven ride at a location approximately 1.77 kilometres from Park Terrace has been scheduled for the next programmed weekend closure for track inspection and maintenance on 26 and 27 October 2013. A 60km/h speed limit has been in place over a short section since May 2013. The track levelling will improve ride quality for commuters and, once completed, the speed limit will be removed.

The estimated cost for this work is \$25,000. Funding will be from the O-Bahn track maintenance budget that is already allocated for the 2013-14 financial year. No further funding will be required.

CARBON TAX

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (27 June 2013).

The Hon. C.C. FOX (Bright—Minister for Transport Services, Minister Assisting the Minister for the Arts): I have been advised of the following:

The impact of the carbon tax will affect the cost of public transport directly through;

- the reduction to diesel fuel tax credits applicable for diesel fuel use in trains (and buses from 2014); and
- increased electricity costs incurred from operating trams and the new electric trains.

When the carbon tax was first announced, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure sought to make provisions for the financial impact through the Mid-Year Budget Review process. These estimates include the full impact of transitioning to an electrified network. However, the complete rail network is now not being electrified, with the electrification of some lines being deferred.

The amount of carbon tax that the Department of Treasury and Finance has funded in each year of the forward estimates is as follows:

	2013-14 (\$'000)	2014-15 (\$'000)	2015-16 (\$'000)	2016-17 (\$'000)	2017-18 (\$'000)
Reduction in Diesel Fuel Tax Credit (1)	353	130	0	0	0
Train Electrification	432	542	780	800	820

(1) The carbon charge for diesel fuel was reduced to zero from 2015-16 to reflecting the transition to an electrified network. A budget adjustment will be submitted as part of the Mid-Year Budget Review process.

CARBON TAX

In reply to **Ms CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (27 June 2013).

The Hon. C.C. FOX (Bright—Minister for Transport Services, Minister Assisting the Minister for the Arts): I have been advised of the following:

The impact of the carbon tax for diesel and electric trains will arise from different costing mechanisms. Differences in carbon pricing that need to be considered when comparing the diesel and electric trains are summarised as follows:

- The carbon price on diesel is paid in advance based on the number of litres purchased (this includes fuel stored at depots).
- The carbon price on electricity is paid in arrears based on kilowatt hours consumed.
- The carbon price charged on electricity consumption is variable with regard to transmission and distribution losses and the amount of electricity produced from renewable energy.
- The electric trains are more energy efficient and have the capacity to put electricity back into the network when slowing down, they do not require refuelling each night and do not require the engine to be running at full capacity when stationary. In addition, the carbon pollution emitted is located away from major population areas.
- The diesel trains also require the fuel tanks at the depots to be refuelled and as such have additional transportation costs.

Based on the most recently available information, the amount of carbon emissions produced by a diesel train per kilometre is higher than that produced by the electric trains.

Therefore, the carbon cost of the electric trains will be lower than for the diesel trains. It is estimated the carbon charge for diesel trains will cost 9¢ per kilometre compared to 8¢ for the electric trains.

CHILDCARE SERVICES

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH (Waite)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

There are 11 children's centres offering long day care, they are:

- Café Enfield
- Forbes, South Plympton
- Goolwa
- Hackham West
- Il nido, Paradise
- Keithcot Farm
- Ocean View, Taperoo
- O'Sullivan Beach
- Renmark
- Sturt St
- Woodville Gardens.

CHILDCARE SERVICES

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH (Waite)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

The total cost for the seven additional children's centres is approximately \$18.23 million. This includes three new builds, two refurbishments and two additions to existing buildings.

CHILDCARE REGULATIONS

In reply to **Mr HAMILTON-SMITH (Waite)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

All preschools in South Australia, regardless of whether they provide lunch care or before and after kindergarten care, are regulated according to the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.

These regulations also apply to childcare, family day care and out of school hours care.

The regulatory authority is the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia, an independent agency.

SCHOOL FUNDING

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

The state contribution to the \$33.5 million increase from the 2012-13 estimated result is \$5.7 million.

OFFICE OF NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

In 2012 the salary for the Director in the Office for Non-Government Schools and Services was in the \$134,000 to \$143,999 bandwidth.

OFFICE OF NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND SERVICES

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

In addition to the costs incurred directly by ONGSS, the department provides operational services and support to ONGSS for which DECD incurs the cost including accommodation.

EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

The value of the efficiency dividend for the Department for Education and Child Development, of which Families SA is part, is 1 per cent. How the dividend is to be applied it yet to be determined.

CHILD PROTECTION

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

In 2011-12:

- Tier 1—8%
- Tier 2—78.6%
- Tier 3—13.4%

OFFICE OF CHILD SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

1. 83.5 per cent were started and completed in 2011-12, noting that investigations started in one year can be completed in the next year.

2. Matters referred to police are determined on a case-by-case basis at different points in time depending on the nature of the investigation and the available evidence.

DEBELLE INQUIRY

In reply to **Mr PISONI (Unley)** (28 June 2013).

The Hon. J.M. RANKINE (Wright—Minister for Education and Child Development, Minister for Multicultural Affairs): I have been advised:

This information is in the public domain and can be found at:

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/educationinquiry>.