



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5

MEMORANDUM

To	Hon Ian Cohen MLC Hon Richard Colless MLC Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Hon Sylvia Hale MLC Hon Don Harwin MLC Hon Henry Tsang MLC Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	cc:	Hon Don Harwin MLC Hon Peter Primrose MLC Hon David Clarke MLC Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC
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From Tanya Bosch

Subject **Answers to Questions on Notice – Regional Development, Illawarra, Small Business**

Date 27 October 2004

Reference

Please find attached a copy of the answers provided to the questions taken on notice by the Hon David Campbell MP, Minister for Regional Development, the Illawarra and Small Business at the Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 14 September 2004.

Tanya Bosch
Director, Budget Estimates



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Minister for Regional Development
Minister for the Illawarra
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Dear Ms Bosch

Further to your letter of 21 September 2004, please find attached responses to questions taken on notice taken before General Purpose Standing Committee No 5 on 14 September 2004.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Campbell'.

David Campbell
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for the Illawarra
Minister for Small Business

**Budget Estimates 2004 Questions on Notice – Minister Campbell
Department of State and Regional Development**

Question 1

Could you tell us definitively how much money of State Government funds was put into the Inverell BEC and the Goulburn BEC for the financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004?

Answer

	02/03	03/04
Goulburn	\$81,00	\$93,296
Inverell	\$75,000	\$76,650

Question 2

For each of your portfolio agencies in 2003/04 how much was spent on media monitoring from Rehame Australia Monitoring Services?

Answer

Circular 2002-22 has been superseded by Memorandum 2004-2 which initiated cost savings across the public sector by consolidating the government's media monitoring requirements and making better use of in-house resources. In 2003-04, the total amount spent on Rehame Australia Monitoring Services was \$2.7 million. The precise amount spent on other providers can not be provided, however it is estimated at \$1.7 million. The breakdown of these figures is not provided as they are considered commercial in confidence. Over the entire general government sector, media monitoring costs on Rehame have been reduced from \$3.2 million in 2002-03 to \$2.7 million in 2003-04. It should be noted the Leader of the Opposition's office purchased \$123,578 in media monitoring in 2002-03.

Question 3

Has your department employed, Minister, any staff who have formerly worked for a Minister or the Premier since 2000, excluding departmental liaison officers?

Answer

The employment of staff by government departments is regulated by the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Section 19 of the Act provides that appointments are to be made on the basis of merit. Ministerial staff are entitled to apply for positions in the public service subject to meeting the essential and desirable qualifications for the positions. As required by the Act, all appointments are made on the basis of merit and not political affiliation, otherwise former Ministers' Office staff in the Greiner/Fahey Governments would not be working in the public service today.

Question 4

For each of your portfolio agencies in 2003/04 how much was spent on media monitoring other than from Rehame Australia Monitoring Services?

Answer

Circular 2002-22 has been superseded by Memorandum 2004-2 which initiated cost savings across the public sector by consolidating the government's media monitoring requirements and making better use of in-house resources. In 2003-04, the total amount spent on Reame Australia Monitoring Services was \$2.7 million. The precise amount spent on other providers can not be provided, however it is estimated at \$1.7 million. The breakdown of these figures is not provided as they are considered commercial in confidence. Over the entire general government sector, media monitoring costs on Reame have been reduced from \$3.2 million in 2002-03 to \$2.7 million in 2003-04. It should be noted the Leader of the Opposition's office purchased \$123,578 in media monitoring in 2002-03.

Question 5

Have you made funds available to local government on the north coast?

Answer

Yes, under the Main Street/Small Towns Program and Towns and Villages Futures Program.

Question 6

Can you provide a list of all Chambers of Commerce throughout NSW who have received funding in any form and for any purpose in 2002/03 and 2003/04?

Answer

Albion Park Chamber of Commerce
Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce
Bangalow Chamber of Commerce
Bargo Chamber of Commerce
Bellingen Now Inc
Braidwood & District Chamber of Commerce
Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce
Business Gunnedah Inc
Cessnock Chamber of Commerce
Cobar Business Association
Deniliquin Chamber of Commerce
Dubbo Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Finley Chamber of Commerce
Glen Innes & District Chamber of Commerce
Gosford Chamber of Commerce
Guyra Tourism and Commerce Association
Illawarra Business Chamber Ltd
Jindabyne Chamber of Commerce
Kiama & District Chamber of Commerce Inc
Kurri Kurri Chamber of Commerce
Lismore Unlimited
Morpeth Business Association

Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce
Myall Waterways Chambers of Commerce & Tourism
Nabiac Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Inc
Parramatta Chamber of Commerce
Port Kembla Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc
Sawtell Chamber of Commerce
Scone Chamber of Commerce
Shoalhaven Development Board
Shoalhaven Industries & Business Association
State Chamber of Commerce
The Newcastle Alliance
Thredbo Chamber of Commerce
Toronto Chamber of Commerce
Warners Bay Chamber of Commerce
West Wyalong Town Advancement Group
Wyong Tuggerah Chamber of Commerce