

NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

Answers to questions on notice – from hearing on 12 September 2011

Question 1 (page 5): Figures on the amount of freight that comes from say, Adelaide through Broken Hill into Sydney as well as freight that comes from Western New South Wales itself.

Response: There don't appear to be statistics available that answer this question directly. We'd recommend using data on page 24 of a report commissioned by the C'wth Government under the Nation Building Program - summary report is attached. The full report can be downloaded from:

http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/publications/reports/pdf/Central_West_Transport_Needs_Study_Final_Report.pdf.

Note that ABS statistics on the topic were last published in 2001 (ABS Cat. No. 9220.0).

Question 2 (page 5): Industries that have benefitted from regional industries investment fund.

Response: We are collating information and this should be made available to the Committee in mid-November 2011.

Question 3 (page 7): Information on the Evocities program to date.

Response: Evocities program managers have advised that they have received 2,800 enquiries overall, with nearly 900 being received via the Evo-Central enquiry portal.

Currently 275 people have confirmed relocation to one of the seven Evocities and another 400 are in the re-location planning process. Evocities has advised consolidated numbers across the seven cities and has not provided city-by-city breakdown so as to ensure that there is no bias toward any particular city or cities.

Question 4 (page 15): Information on the geographic areas that people are looking at with the Regional Relocation Grant.

Response: The Regional Relocation Grant is managed by the Office of State Revenue in the Department of Finance & Services. We'd suggest that the Committee approach DFS directly for up-to-date statistics.