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Dear Mrs Maclaren-Jones

Please find attached copies of answers to questions taken on notice and supplementary questions provided by the General Purpose Standing Committee No.3, as part of its Supplementary Hearing – Trade and Investment, held on 20 November 2014.

Yours sincerely

Mark I Paterson AO
Secretary

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20 November 2014

Questions from Hon Mick Veitch MLC

Question 1

1. Please provide the current figures for the Jobs Action Plan;
 - (a) Outcomes/employment by region
 - (b) Outcomes/ employment by gender
 - (c) Outcomes/ employment in age cohorts

ANSWER

1 This question should be directed to the Office of State Revenue.

Question 2

2. State Investment Attraction Scheme
 - (a) A list of recipients
 - (b) Funding allocated to each recipient

ANSWER

2(a)

SIAS Recipients
Advance
Aspen Medical
Australian Meat Group Pty Ltd
BAE Systems Australia Limited
Cardinal Health Australia 200 Pty Ltd
CeBIT Australia
FEA Productions Pty Ltd
Gosford City Council
GPT Group
Greenfields Development Company
Smart Work Hubs Pilot Program
GPT Management Holdings Limited
Nexus Smart Hub Pty Ltd
Greenfields Development Company Pty Ltd
Gosford City Council
Penrith City Council
Industry Capability Network (NSW) Ltd.
Innovate NSW
Capsicum Business Architects
Micropace Pty Ltd
Intersective Pty Ltd

Australian Rail Technology
Plustec Pty Ltd
Claydata Pty Ltd
Telemedicine Australia
Cryptych Pty Ltd
Touch To Buy
Australian Credit Data Company
Prospection
Momentum Cloud
International Engagement Strategy
365Cups Pty Ltd
Aerofloat (Australia) Pty Ltd
Aldridge Railway Signals Pty Ltd
Aquatech Maxcan Pty Ltd
Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association Pty Ltd
Australian Water Association Pty Ltd
Australian Rail Technology Pty Ltd
Australian Airline Pilot Academy Pty Ltd
Australian Grain Link Pty Ltd
Australasian Railway Association Incorporated
Bega Cheese Limited
Bioaction Pty Ltd
Blackmores Limited
Blink Mobile Technologies Pty Ltd
Brookfarm Pty Ltd
Bull Head Services Pty Ltd
Carrawa Cosmetics Pty Ltd
Castle Mountain Mining Pty Ltd
Cesero Holdings Pty Ltd
Communications-Elelctronics Solutions Pty Ltd
Dara Pty Ltd
Delkor Rail Pty Ltd
Drop Point Australia Pty Ltd
Eastmon Business Holdings Pty Ltd
eMite Pty Ltd
Estate Wine Distributors (NSW) Pty Ltd
Flavourtech Pty Ltd
Flovac Vacuum Sewerage Systems Pty Ltd
Formit Services Pty Ltd
Freedman Electronics Pty Ltd
Garlo's Pies Pty Ltd
General Industries Pty Ltd
Hardface Technologys HTU Pty Ltd
Hedweld Engineering Pty Ltd
Hitch Enterprises Pty Ltd
Homart Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd
Innotec Building Systems Pty Ltd
Internet Solutions Australia Pty Ltd
JD's Seafood Export Contractors Pty Ltd
Kollaras & Co Pty Ltd
Lawand Trade (Australia) Pty Ltd
M&J Chickens LLP
Machinery Automation & Robotics Pty Ltd
MAK Engineering Projects Pty Ltd
Metal Science Technologies Pty Ltd
Monarch Trading Pty Ltd
Nowra Chemical Manufacturers Pty Ltd
Nubain Water Systems Pty Ltd
OEM Technology Solutions Pty Ltd
P & A Fiumara & Sons P/L
Phoenix Foundry Pty Ltd

Pinetown Precision Engineering (Australia) Pty Ltd
Polysoft Pty Ltd
Quadrant Australia Pty Ltd
Rambor Pty Ltd
RFID n Print Pty Ltd
Sigma Aerospace Pty Ltd
Snack Brands Industries Pty Ltd & Snack Brands Foods Pty Ltd
Speedflow Products Pty Ltd
Star Water Solutions Pty Ltd
Stebercraft Pty Ltd
SWA Water Australia Pty Ltd
The Trustee for the next Generation Silman Family Trust
Thomas Electronics of Australia Pty Ltd
TO70 Aviation (Australia) Pty Ltd
Trustee for the Vega Family Trust
TTG Transportation Technology Pty Ltd
Turbosmart Pty Ltd
UVS Pty Ltd
White Stripe Foods Pty Ltd
International Engagement Strategy
International Engagement Strategy
International Expo Newcastle
Ministerial Corporation for Industries (MCI) - Audit Fees
Nexus Smart Hub Pty Ltd
Penrith City Council
Pyramania Pty Ltd
Supply Chain Accelerator
Net Balance Ltd
Shoalhaven City Council
Renweld Co-Operative Ltd
HunterNet Co-Operative Ltd
Australian Industry Group
Ausmine Ltd
Regional Development Australia Sydney Incorporated
BEC Southern Sydney Ltd
Industry Mid North Coast Ltd
NSW Trade and Investment
Food Innovation Australia Ltd
Department of Defence
Cold Storage Supermarket
Eurobodalla Shire Council
South West Business Enterprise Centre
Sustainable Agriculture & Gardening Eurobodalla Inc
Universal Studios
Walt Disney Studios
Warner Bros Pictures

2(b) The terms of the Deed of Agreement executed with each recipient remain confidential for commercial reasons. The total funding allocated to recipients from SIAS since 2012 is \$38.7 million.

Question 3

3. Research Attraction and Acceleration Programme

- (a) A list of recipients
- (b) Funding allocated to each recipient

ANSWER

The Research Attraction and Acceleration Program (RAAP) was initiated in 2012/13 to support innovation and investment in the state's research and development capacity. Through this program, the Office of Science and Research provides funding to increase the competitiveness of bids made by NSW research consortia to a range of Commonwealth Government research funding programs. In addition, \$8 million is provided to National ICT Australia (NICTA) annually, with \$500,000 allocated to the TechVouchers Program. The Office of Science and Research also administers a range of science engagement and outreach programs under the RAAP.

2013/14 RESEARCH ATTRACTION AND ACCELERATION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS		
Program/event name	Recipient Name	Funding amount
NICTA – annual NSW contribution	NICTA	\$8,000,000
Australian Synchrotron	ANSTO	\$300,000
2014 Australian Engineering Week	Engineers Australia	\$27,500
Australian Science Media Centre sponsorship	Australian Science Media Centre	\$30,000
National Youth Science Forum	Kanishk Purohit (Canada Wide Science Fair)	\$1,500
	Courtney Paton (Canada Wide Science Fair)	\$1,500
	Shoshana Rapley (Canada Wide Science Fair)	\$1,500
	Samuel Glazebrook (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Harley Gray (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Charlie New (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Jake Sheath (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Charlotte Brew (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500

	Emily Chen (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Brody Hannan (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Savannah Reali (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Rebecca Spillane (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Ainsley Sydun (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Michael Valceski (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Jordan Epstein (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Jacob Silove (National Youth Science Week)	\$1,500
	Erica Soon (National Youth Science Week)	\$1,500
	Veronica O'Mara (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
	Timothy Gilchrist (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
	Lachlan Patterson (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
	Scott Watts (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
Inspiring Australia Manager for NSW	University of Sydney	\$70,000
UNSW Innovation Awards sponsorship	University of New South Wales	\$5,000
Inspiring Australia NSW Regional Science Hub Grants Program (jointly funded with Inspiring Australia, \$50,000 from RAAP)	Central West Science Hub (Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum)	\$7,000
	Central West Science Hub (Dubbo Council)	\$7,000
	Eastern Sydney Science Hub (Centennial Parklands)	\$5,000
	Northern Rivers Science Hub (Southern Cross University)	\$5,000
	Hunter Science Hub (Science and Engineering Challenge)	\$5,000
	Murray Science Hub (Murray Arts)	\$8,000
	North West Slopes Science	\$1,500

	Hub (Gunnedah Public School)	
	Northern Tablelands Science Hub (Kentucky Public School)	\$1,500
	Mid north Coast Science Hub (Charles Sturt University)	\$5,000
	Shoalhaven Science Hub (Bundanon Trust)	\$5,500
	South Sydney Science Hub (Hazelhurst regional Gallery)	\$6,500
	Penrith Science Hub (Penrith South Public School)	\$5,000
	North Western Science Hub (University of New England)	\$8,000
2013 NSW Science and Engineering Awards recipients	Laureate Professor Graeme Jameson (NSW Scientist of the Year)	\$55,000
	Professor John Webb (Excellence in Mathematics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry and Physics)	\$5,000
	Professor Robert Park (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Ecology, Environmental, Agricultural and Organismal))	\$5,000
	Professor Martina Stenzel (Excellence in Engineering and Information and Communications Technologies)	\$5,000
	Professor Katharina Gaus (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Cell and Molecular, Medical, Veterinary and Genetics)	\$5,000
	Professor Justin Gooding (Emerging Research)	\$5,000
	Professor Thomas Maschmayer (Renewable Energy Innovation)	\$5,000
	Adjunct Professor Harvey Dillon (Innovation in Public Sector Science and Engineering)	\$5,000
	Ms Nicolette Hilton (Innovation in Science and Mathematics Education)	\$5,000
International Research collaboration with Technion – Israel Institute of Technology	University of Sydney (Centre for Ultrahigh Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems)	\$300,000
ARC Centres of Excellence program co-investment	Macquarie University (ARC CoE for Nanoscale Biophotonics)	\$500,000
	University of Wollongong (ARC CoE for Electromaterials Science)	\$500,000

Cooperative Research Centres Round 16 co-investment	HEARing CRC	\$100,000
	Capital Markets CRC	\$100,000
Conference Sponsorship Program Round 3	Hearing CRC (Macquarie University)	\$4,000
	University of Technology, Sydney (3 conferences)	\$16,000
	University of Wollongong (2 conferences)	\$16,000
	University of Sydney (2 conferences)	\$12,000
	University of New South Wales (4 conferences)	\$24,000
	NICTA	\$8,000
	Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering	\$4,000
	Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics	\$4,000
Other research funding	Cancer Institute NSW	\$70,000
TechVouchers	Sur Fin Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Climate Friendly Pty Ltd	\$1,765
	Supbundo Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Lymphatech Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Blackwater Treatment Systems	\$15,000
	Echidna Energy P/L	\$15,000
	Waratah Power	\$10,000
	Ensitech IP Pty Ltd	\$5,560
	Greencorp Magnetix Pty Ltd	\$7,500
	NanoTag P/L	\$15,000
	Air & Odour Management	\$9,000
	Polysoft Pty Ltd	\$7,396
	Rafflie Intertrade Water Pty Ltd	\$9,000
	Samadha Pacifica Pty Ltd	\$14,660
	Bio Organic Farm	\$15,000
	Vimoc Innovation Labs	\$11,137
	E-bilities Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Zenogen Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Think Nano	\$5,750
	Saber Astronautics	\$14,000
	Regeneus Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	SP Health Co Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Achacha Fruit Unit Trust	\$4,000
	Gondwana Colours	\$12,500
	Microbiogen Pty Ltd	\$6,715
	Converte Pty Ltd	\$11,250
	Futureglow Pty Ltd	\$11,486
	Lismore GP Super Clinic Pty Ltd	\$12,000
	YHT Investments T/A Aquazure	\$3,835
	Polyair P/L	\$6,004
	EL and JG Evans – SaferGate	\$15,000
	Palos Verde International P/L	\$15,000

	Madura Tea Estates	\$4,439
	Dyesol	\$12,544
	Mathspace Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Ecohaus-Benchmark for Homes	\$15,000

Question 4

4. Regional Industries Investment Fund

- (a) A list of recipients
- (b) Funding allocated to each recipient

ANSWER

4(a) The following organisations have received funding through the Regional Industries Investment Fund since 2012.

Australian Bay Lobster Producers Pty Ltd
Ausure Pty Ltd
B.A.E.C. Electrical Pty Ltd
Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism
Bohemia Interactive Australia Pty Ltd
Booma Boers
Broken Hill City Council
Clarence Valley Council
Community Technology Centres Association Incorporated
Cordina Chicken Farms Pty Ltd
DRM Haulage Pty Limited
Edgeworth Family Practice Pty Ltd
Electrolux Home Products Pty. Limited
Express Coach Builders Pty Limited
Fine Food Australia – project
Foundation for Regional Development Limited
G.P MOULE & M.J MOULE
GHD Pty Ltd
Glen Innes Severn Council
Gurehlgam Corporation Ltd
Hunter Councils Incorporated
HunterNet Co-operative Ltd
Kempsey Shire Council
Lawler Warburtons Pty Ltd
Letusgrow
LH & MF McLean Pty Ltd
Martensite Australia
Murray River Organics
Newcastle City Council
Norco Co-Operative Limited
Northern Co-Operative Meat Company Limited
Orange City Council
PCW Commercial Windows Pty Ltd
Pinegro Products Pty Ltd
PJ Chapman & CC Jenkins
Qantas Staff Credit Union

Regional Development Australia - Central Coast
Regional Development Australia - Central West
Regional Development Australia - Far South Coast
Regional Development Australia - Far West
Regional Development Australia - Hunter
Regional Development Australia - Illawarra
Regional Development Australia - Mid North Coast
Regional Development Australia - Murray
Regional Development Australia - Northern Inland
Regional Development Australia - Northern Rivers
Regional Development Australia - Orana
Regional Development Australia - Riverina
Regional Development Australia - Southern Inland Incorporated
Regional Development Australia - Sydney Inc
Regional Marketing Project
Richard Patton
Sheridan Hard Rock Quarry Pty Ltd
Shoalhaven City Council
Stone & Wood Brewing Company Pty Ltd
Tamworth Regional Council
The Gods of Wheat Street Pty Ltd
the Trustee for Benhaim Trading trust
Tomato Exchange Pty Ltd
Tooraweenah Prime Lamb Marketing Cooperative
Walsh Architectural Salvage Pty Ltd

4(b) The terms of the Funding Deed executed with each recipient remain confidential for commercial reasons. The total funding allocated to recipients from the Regional Industries Investment Fund since 2012 is \$23.7 million.

Questions from Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC

Office of Water

Question 1

1. Has there been a review conducted in to the policies of the NSW Office of Water relating to alleged breaches following the recommendation of the Ombudsman that this occur?

ANSWER

1.

The Office of Water is meeting its requirements in regard to addressing the Ombudsman's recommendations.

The Office's Water Regulation Group closely monitors the management of alleged breaches against relevant policies, procedures and customer service standards. This includes formal quarterly and annual reviews as part of Water Regulation Group's performance management program.

Question 2

2. If yes, what was the budget allocation and what were the findings?

ANSWER

2. Funding for implementation of an NSW Office of Water project to address the NSW Ombudsman's November 2013 final report recommendations and for the Water Regulation Group's ongoing policy and performance management review program is provided from the Group's operational budget.

In addressing the Ombudsman's findings and recommendations, the Office has a broad-based work program which has three aspects:

- ensuring policies, procedures and practices are clearly documented;
- implementing processes to monitor the implementation of our policies and procedures, and check appropriate or required practices are being followed; and
- providing support to ensure the required policies, procedures and practices are being followed and taking action if they are not.

The NSW Office of Water is committed to these continued improvements.

Question 3

3. Has there been a comprehensive review of the water regulatory system conducted following the Ombudsman's report?

ANSWER

3. A comprehensive review of the NSW Office of Water's water regulatory system was conducted in 2012/13, immediately prior to the issuing of the November 2013 NSW Ombudsman report. This meant that action to address concerns raised in the report was well advanced by the time the report was received. The review resulted in a significant restructure of the NSW Office of Water's licensing, compliance and major projects functions into a new, cohesive Water Regulation Group.

Question 4

Strategic Agricultural Land

4. Has Trade and Investment provided any advice or recommendations about areas that should be considered for designation as State Significant Agricultural Land under the Rural Lands SEPP?

ANSWER

4. No.

Mine Subsidence board review

Question 5

5. What is the status of the Mine Subsidence Taskforce?

ANSWER

5. The Mine Subsidence Taskforce continues to provide expert advice on any subsidence issues to help ensure projects can be developed safely, as well as being economically viable.

Question 6

6. Are they still meeting?

ANSWER

6. Yes.

Question 7

7. When will a report be made public?

ANSWER

7. The Annual Report for the Mine Subsidence Taskforce is due for release before the end of 2014.

Coal Mining Jobs

Question 8

8. How many jobs have been lost in coal mining in the past year?

ANSWER

8. 1,471 (Source: Coal Services.)

Question 9

9. Is there a structural decline in coal mining occurring?

ANSWER

9. The coal industry is subject to cyclical and other forces, just like any industry. However, with 80% of our electricity coming from coal-fired power stations and global demand set to grow (Source: International Energy Agency), NSW remains positive about the future for coal – both as an energy source and as our leading export. Hence the NSW Coal Statement and Minerals Industry Action Plan (currently out for

public comment) – which both position the long-term, safe, sustainable exploitation of the mineral assets in NSW as a key economic driver for a strong NSW.

Question 10

10. Does the government have a plan to transition away from coal mining?

ANSWER

10. Please refer to the answer to Question 9.

Gas Production

Question 11

11. What level of unconventional gas production in NSW is predicted over the forward estimates?

ANSWER

11. Part 13 and Sections 118 and 125 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* do not permit the disclosure of this information.

Question 12

12. What are the predicted royalties from coal seam gas in NSW over the forward estimates?

ANSWER

12. This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

Maules Creek

Question 13

13. Have you met with any of the directors or representatives of Whitehaven, regarding the Maules Creek mine?

- (a) How many times and on what dates?
- (b) What was discussed?

ANSWER

13. I met with John Conde and Tony Haggarty on 19 October 2011 to discuss Hunter Port developments and planning system impediments. The Maules Creek mine was not discussed.

Question 14

14. Have you met with Mark Vaille since becoming Director General?

(a) How many times and on what dates?

(b) What was discussed?

ANSWER

14. Yes.

(a) Once, on 16 June 2011.

(b) Hunter Port developments.

Mining SEPP change

Question 15

15. Did AGL make any representations to you or your department regarding the recent changes to the Mining SEPP which allow AGL to conduct fracking near the town without completing a full environmental impact study?

ANSWER

15. This question was answered in the first budget estimates hearing:

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Did AGL make any representations to you or your department regarding the recent changes to the mining State environmental planning policy [SEPP]?

Mr ANTHONY ROBERTS: I will ask my Director of the Office of Coal Seam Gas to respond to that.

Ms CONNELL: From memory, we sought information from AGL when the issue of the application of the mining SEPP to primary projects was first raised with us by the Environmental Defender's Office. He sought information from AGL in relation to differences between the subject well and associated wells.

Question 16

16. Did you or your department provide any advice to any Minister in support of this change to the mining SEPP?

ANSWER

16. Yes. A Brief and Letter from me addressed to Sam Haddad has been released through the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

Gloucester Dialogue

Question 17

17. Why was the Gloucester Dialogue not informed about AGL's plan to release water produced from coal seam gas drilling into a nearby creek when high rain levels didn't allow for irrigation?

ANSWER

17. AGL does not have approval to release any water from coal seam gas exploration activities into any waterway.

Questions relating to production should be addressed to the Minister for Planning and Environment.

Water NSW

Question 18

18. Following the dissolution of the Sydney Catchment Authority, who will now regulate mining activity in Sydney Drinking Water Catchments?

ANSWER

18. Mining activities in the Sydney Drinking Water Catchments are currently regulated by a number of agencies and bodies, including NSW Trade and Investment, the Department of Planning and Environment, the Environment Protection Authority and the Planning Assessment Commission. The Sydney Catchment Authority provides advice to regulating agencies/bodies on mining applications, and the potential impact mining may have on water quality, water quantity and on water supply infrastructure, as well as advice on operational aspects of mining. This arrangement will continue under Water NSW.

Biosecurity high risk incursion fund

Question 19

19. In response to the Natural Resources Commission review of weed management in NSW, the Government supported establishing and managing a high-risk incursion fund for biosecurity outbreaks. Has any budget been set aside for this fund? How much is expected to be in the fund?

ANSWER

19. The Government response to this recommendation was that it will investigate establishment of a fund. Management arrangements for that fund will be a matter for further consideration.

Complaints

Question 20

20. Why is the formal complaints mechanism on the Resources and Energy website buried rather than clearly on the front page?

ANSWER

20. The mechanism for members of the public to provide feedback or lodge a complaint is prominently displayed on the top of the homepage of the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) website, immediately below the top menu bar.

Question 21

21. How are complaints made on the website investigated?

ANSWER

21. DRE manages complaints in accordance with NSW Trade & Investment's Complaints Handling Policy (which is available on the Department's website) and best practice principles as recommended by the NSW Ombudsman.

The complaint is initially reviewed by the Governance branch within DRE through a triage process and then referred to an appropriate area for investigation. An officer is allocated to undertake a fact finding investigation as to the facts. The process is then independently reviewed by another senior officer before the investigation is finalised.

Needle's Gap Dam

Question 22

22. On 13 June 2014 the then Deputy Premier the Hon. Andrew Stoner made an announcement at the NSW Nationals Annual General Conference committing the NSW Government to delivering a new dam at the Needles Gap with a storage capacity of 90 GL. Then in the Federal Government's Water Infrastructure Options Paper published 29 October 2014, a dam size of 600 GL of water on the Belubula River is proposed. Can you clarify the size of this proposed new dam?

ANSWER

22. The report from Water NSW's investigations will recommend which are the viable sites for large dams in the Belubula and Lachlan catchments. Optimisation of the size of storage at any selected site will occur in later stages of the project.

Question 23

23. Given that the Water Infrastructure Options Paper says that "any water use associated with the new infrastructure would need to comply with long term sustainable diversion limits (SDL) described in Schedule 2 of the Basin Plan" and the catchment already uses its full SDL how will any new entitlements be offset elsewhere in the catchment?

23. The Lachlan Water Resource Plan to be prepared under the Basin Plan will ensure diversions are in compliance with the Sustainable Diversion Limits set by the Basin Plan. The current investigations are to determine the best dam site to increase water security for existing towns, industry and licence holders. Any entitlements for new development would need to be sourced from the market (from existing entitlement holders). Any additional diversions that occur in drought years as a result of increased water security would need to be offset by lower diversions in wetter years.

Question 24

24. The Water Infrastructure Options Paper states that State Water has costed the proposed Dam at \$700 million and on 13 June 2014 the then Deputy Premier the Hon. Andrew Stoner committed \$100 million from the NSW Government for building the dam. Where will the extra \$600 million come from?

ANSWER

24. Budgeting estimates for the project will be prepared for the cost benefit analysis of the preferred options. Subsequent funding of any project will be determined as part of the State budget process when a preferred option has been identified and meets the cost benefit analysis requirements.

Question 25

25. Who are the expected users of the water from this dam if it is built?

ANSWER

25. The project scope is to consider water security improvements for all extractive users in the Lachlan Valley, including towns, industry, mining, agriculture and the environment.

Korean FTA

Question 26

26. What impact will the bilateral trade agreement with South Korea have on the planning process regarding the Wallarah 2 coal proposal given it is wholly owned by the South Korean government?

ANSWER

26. Free trade agreements are negotiated at a national level and are a Commonwealth Government responsibility. For more detailed information regarding the Korean Free Trade Agreement, please address any questions to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The following responses reflect NSW Trade & Investment's initial interpretation of publicly available information without further consultation or advice from the Commonwealth Government or third party advisors.

Question 27

27. If this mine proposal is rejected, by the PAC or the Minister, will the Investor State Dispute Settlement clause in this trade agreement allow Kores to launch an appeal against this decision?

ANSWER

27. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) grant foreign investors the right to sue sovereign governments if they feel changes to policy or legislation result in impartial treatment of local investors over their foreign counterparts. It is not enough that an investor does not agree with a new policy or that a policy adversely affects its profits.

If the mine proposal is rejected, Kores will have the same rights of appeal as any legal entity.

Question 28

28. What advice, including legal, have you or your department received regarding the impact of this trade agreement on the Wallarah 2 coal proposal and any decision made regarding it?

ANSWER

28. NSW Trade & Investment has not received any advice regarding the impact of the Korean Free Trade Agreement on the Wallarah 2 proposal.

Question 29

29. If the Wallarah 2 mine proposal was rejected, what would be the financial and material implications to the State of NSW :

- (a) of defending the decision in an international tribunal under KAFTA
- (b) if the State loses the case?

ANSWER

29. The Investor State Dispute Settlement does not restrict the Government's capacity to govern in the public interest – including in areas such as the environment and the economy. If the Wallarah 2 proposal was rejected, it would be because the project was unable to demonstrate sufficient protections for these two areas of public interest, and thus would not qualify for being taken to an international tribunal under the KFTA.

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QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Thank you for coming, Mr Paterson. I have a long list of questions. If you wish to take any of them on notice, feel free to do so. On 11 September the New South Wales Office of Water announced it had developed return flow credit rules for groundwater. Has the scheme been developed so that mining companies wondering what to do with all the groundwater that gets sucked up during gas or mineral extraction can simply pump it back into an aquifer to receive a rebate?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

Section 75 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (the Act) allows for the establishment of water return flow rules. Section 76 of the Act allows a water access licence holder to have their water allocation account re-credited in accordance with the return flow rules.

The draft return flow rules do not apply to a particular industry. As currently drafted, they would apply equally to all aquifer access licences across the State. Any aquifer access licence holder that was able to return water to the water source from which it was extracted in accordance with the return flow rules would be eligible to have their water allocation account re-credited.

One of the key draft return flow rules is that the return of water must have a 'neutral or beneficial' effect on the respective water source, thereby addressing some of the impacts associated with the original extraction. In considering this 'neutral or beneficial' test, impacts on aquifer integrity and water quality will be assessed.

Assessment of groundwater mounding, enhanced fracturing or porosity, and changes to pressure, turbidity, major ions, nitrates, phosphates, metals, hydrocarbons, pesticides/herbicides, salinity, pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and biological quality will all be undertaken.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: What stakeholders were consulted prior to the announcement of this scheme in September?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

The return flow rules are still being developed. The NSW Office of Water has consulted with the NSW Farmers Association, NSW Irrigators' Council, Cotton Australia, NSW Minerals Council, and Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Who will assess the impacts of this scheme on water resources including aquifers?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

The NSW Office of Water will administer the return flow rules scheme and assess each return flow application.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Do you expect any water users, other than extractive industries to utilise this scheme?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

As mentioned earlier the draft return flow rules do not apply to a particular industry.

Any activity that does not consume or use all the water they extract could benefit. Encouraging the return of this water would benefit other water users as valuable groundwater resources would be conserved.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: When do you expect the rules for groundwater reinjection to be made available to the public?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

The draft return flow rules were made available to anyone who attended a public information session during the recent controlled allocation of unassigned groundwater process.

Feedback from these public information sessions is now being considered by the NSW Office of Water.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Will the scheme apply to the whole State? If not, which water sources are being considered?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

As currently drafted the return flow rules would apply to the entire State.

However, in responding to issues raised during consultation to date, the NSW Office of Water may recommend to the Government that the return flow rules be phased in across the State. The Office of Water is currently developing a number of options for the Government's consideration.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: I turn to the subject of Crown lands. Have you or your department received legal advice which suggests that the decision of the Land and Environment Court in the Red Rock case regarding Aboriginal land rights risks public access to or ownership of Maroubra beach due to unresolved land claims?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

Legal advice specific to Aboriginal Land Claims over Maroubra Beach has not been sought by myself or my department.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Have they received similar legal advice for any other beach in New South Wales?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

Legal advice is not required to establish that land granted as part of a successful land claim will result in the loss of public ownership of the land. Land granted to Aboriginal Land Councils is granted with freehold title and is granted without the ability for the State to compulsorily acquire the land. In the case of Red Rock, and if this precedent is to be extended to other beaches, public access is diminished in that access is provided to a 30 metre strip of land only and not the whole area colloquially known as "the beach".

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Does Trade and Investment support Treasury's estimate in the 2013-14 budget papers that the Cobbora coal project would run at a \$1.5 billion loss over the life of the project, or the Department of Planning's support for the estimate of the project's proponent, Cobbora Holding Company, that it would be profitable?

Mr PATERSON: I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

I refer to the Treasurer's media release of 1 July 2013.

QUESTION

Mr PATERSON: These are exploration licences that you are talking about?

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Yes, petroleum exploration licences.

Mr PATERSON: There is nothing in the Gas Plan to suggest that.

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Will licences that have expired be bought back?

Mr PATERSON: No.

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Will titleholders who are not—

Mr PATERSON: Well, if I need to clarify my response, I will, on notice. But I do not believe that there is any provision in there for buying back an expired licence because an expired licence, whilst continuing, is only there whilst there is consideration of a lodged application for a new licence and the Government has already indicated its intention to suspend consideration of new licences. So, following the logic through, an expired licence would not have an ongoing activity because the Government has already expressed an intention to suspend the consideration of new applications. So I do not believe an expired licence would be available for the buy-back scheme. But if I find that I am wrong on that, I am happy to correct it on notice.

ANSWER

Petroleum Exploration Licences that have expired (that is, ended) will not be bought back.

Petroleum Exploration Licences for which a renewal application has been lodged will be eligible for the Buy-Back Scheme.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: How much money has been allocated for the review of New South Wales coal seam gas licences?

Mr PATERSON: Can you provide more detail?

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Your department is undertaking an audit of coal seam gas licences. How much money has been allocated to that audit?

Mr PATERSON: I am not conscious of a financial allocation.

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: Can you take that question on notice?

Mr PATERSON: If you wish.

ANSWER

The audit was financed through existing Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) resources.

QUESTION

Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM: What budget has been allocated for the establishment of an environmental data repository, which according to the NSW Gas Plan is now being investigated?

Mr PATERSON: I stand to be corrected, but my recollection is that the establishment of the repository had a capital cost of \$5.5 million. That will be provided from existing resources—half from my department and half from the Treasury cluster, Finance and Services.

ANSWER

The capital cost for stage 1 of the environmental data portal is \$5.5 million. That will be provided from existing resources with half funded by the Trade and Investment cluster and half from the Treasury cluster, Finance and Services.

QUESTION

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: Mr Paterson, when you gave that answer to that previous hearing, were you aware of the issues raised with the office of the Minister at that time which clearly showed that there were repeated problems with the payments by the payroll? I take it expenses are handled differently. Second, have all these issues—not just payroll but payment of suppliers, contractors et cetera—been resolved?

...

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: Going back, on page 2, to 28 March 2013. If you could give some consideration to whether the first payroll period in your evidence was outside the period of the documents I have given you and confirm that on notice that will be fine. Then perhaps we can establish the facts of the matter.

Mr PATERSON: Yes. If you wish, I can explore the issues that are raised here. I am happy to respond on notice as to the propositions that are raised in this document and how they were dealt with.

ANSWER

The document provided to the Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment by The Hon. Robert Brown was a copy of an email from Mr John Mumford, who was the Chair of the Game Council, to Mr Tim Scott in the Minister's office dated 1 May 2013. This document was provided to the Department for response on 1 May 2013. A response was prepared on 3 May 2013 and provided to the Ministers Office on 20 May 2013.

The first payroll period of the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system related to the pay fortnight ended 14 March 2014. The issues raised in the documents provided related to three pay periods ended 28 March 2013, 11 April 2013, and 25 April 2014. The first payroll period in the Secretary's evidence is confirmed as being outside the period of the documents.

The matters raised were investigated when initially raised in May 2013. The investigation confirmed that none of the matters raised related to the performance or operation of the new ERP system, but rather to timeliness of processing and lack of procedural compliance by Game Council NSW personnel.

The Department established a Service Centre to support the ERP implementation. This model enabled staff to raise enquiries regarding how to complete functions within the new ERP, submit service requests, or raise any issues regarding payment. The majority of the points raised in the email from Mr Mumford had been resolved prior to the email date through the established support model.

QUESTION

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: My next question is in relation to the introduction of the system. The Department of Trade and Industry uses the system, but I do not know whether it is for all the cluster groups within your portfolio. In 2013 it was used for the Game Council and, I think, Fishing and Aquaculture, the safe food authority—I forget its name.

Mr PATERSON: Fisheries; the Food Authority; Primary Industries; Resources and Energy; all of the Trade and Investment parts of the department; the Office of Water; Crown Lands; Liquor, Gaming and Racing; Destination NSW is on it; the Art Gallery; the museum; the State Library; the Powerhouse; all of Local Land Services [LLS], which is the combination of the Catchment Management Authorities, the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities.

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: Going back to that financial year and into this financial year, have any of those agencies had their audits conditionally—what is the word?

Mr PATERSON: Qualified.

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: —qualified because of problems with the SAP system providing the financials?

Mr PATERSON: To the best of my knowledge, the answer is no.

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: Through you, Chair, can I provide the witness with a letter from chartered accountants Pigot Miller Wilson, who were the auditors for the Game Council at the time? The letter gives some details as to the types of issues that were a problem. Perhaps that would assist the Secretary in stating whether similar problems are occurring in any of the clusters now.

Mr PATERSON: Can I clarify? Our auditor is the Audit Office.

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: I understand that.

Mr PATERSON: This is a private auditor. If it is a private auditor, that must be the auditor of the Game Council's books when it stood independent of the department.

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: I want to give this letter to the witness so he can see the particular areas said to be a problem and see whether the same thing has occurred with any of the department's other clusters, either in that year or this year—in other words, the inability to provide certain parts of the annual accounts for the annual reports.

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to look at the correspondence.

ANSWER

Pigot Miller Wilson were not the Game Council's auditors, they were engaged to undertake internal monthly reporting. When the tendered letter to Mr Paterson was

originally received, NSW Trade & Investment liaised with Pigot Miller Wilson to ensure that they were able to access the information they required.

The Audit Office of NSW undertook the audits of the Game Council, and the 2012-2013 audit of the Game Council resulted in an unqualified audit opinion. No NSW Trade & Investment cluster entity received a qualified audit opinion as a result of SAP ByDesign.

QUESTION

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: If I could take you to your response to questions on notice from the last hearing. Question 6 related to the payment of accounts. The question was: Has the Department of Trade and Investment paid all accounts within 30 days in 2013-14 and if not why not? The answer is no. Then you go on to explain the primary reason for the delay in payment and that suppliers have been notified by the department how to process individual invoices in accordance with the New South Wales Government's payment of accounts policy. When was that information conveyed to suppliers?

Mr PATERSON: That is a detailed question.

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: You can take it on notice.

Mr PATERSON: Yes, I will. We have responded to all of your questions on notice, as I recall.

ANSWER

Suppliers are informed of our payments terms and requirements for invoice submission through various mechanisms. All departmental contracts and purchase orders contain details of the Department's trading terms. The Department has an internet site "Doing Business with us" to support suppliers, providing specific information on our general purchase agreement and requirements for a compliant invoice. The Department has also periodically issued letters to all suppliers reminding them of our processing requirements and confirming supplier details. Letters were issued prior to the 'go live' of the new ERP system in December 2012 and again between Thursday 22 May 2014 to Wednesday 28 May 2014. As new suppliers are registered they receive a letter to confirm requirements.

QUESTION

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: Question 7 was: "Has any company raised concerns with the Department of Trade and Investment over non-payment of accounts or delays. Please advise of when this occurred and how the concerns were treated". In your response you say, "Yes", and you go on to explain how vendors can raise concern, but you actually do not answer that second part of the question, "Please advise of when this occurred and how the concerns were treated". You may like to take that on notice as well. I would like to know when companies raised concern with the department and why they are raising concern.

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to take it on notice. We do say in May we wrote to a lot of suppliers to confirm their purchasing and payment process in response to that question on notice.

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: Then you go on to say that in May 2014 you wrote to the suppliers to confirm the new process. I would just like to know the dates of when vendors raised concern. I am trying to work out, as you can probably tell from the question, if there was a time period when a lot of vendors were raising concern, such as within a couple of months of each other, and that has resulted in the department writing a letter to say, "This is going to be the process."

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to look at it for you.

ANSWER

Companies routinely make enquiries regarding the payment status of invoices. Suppliers call or email our Service Centre team who either provide advice regarding the invoice processing status, or take the enquiry and escalate it to our accounts payable team. Within NSW Trade & Investment's payables team, there is a dedicated exception management team to ensure that all invoices submitted to accounts payable are followed up with internal staff to obtain appropriate authorisations.

The Department did not issue the letter to suppliers in response to a cluster of concerns raised by suppliers. Letters to suppliers are issued as part of the routine operation of the Department.

QUESTION

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: I am happy for you to take that on notice, but while doing that, is it possible to get a copy for the Committee of the letter that was provided to the suppliers?

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to take that on notice.

ANSWER

Please refer to the four letter templates at Attachment A. Our vendor database was segmented into four groups and each group sent a specific template:

- Registered small business vendors that have provided bank details
- Registered small business vendors that have not provided bank details
- Vendors that are not registered small business vendors that have provided bank details
- Vendors that are not registered small business vendors that have not provided bank details.

QUESTION

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: I move on to RIIF and the guidelines. I understand that the guidelines are still in draft form. Have they been formalised yet? This is for the Regional Industries Investment Fund.

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to take that on notice. I am not conscious of there being anything. We use the guidelines to operate the fund.

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: I guess that is what I was asking.

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to provide to the Committee the guidelines that we use for the operation of the fund, if that would assist the Committee, in whatever form they are in. We are using them in relation to considering applications for that fund and we make recommendations to government on the payments from that fund. So I am happy to provide to the Committee the guidelines that we are using, whatever their current status. They are the guidelines we are using so I am happy to provide them to the Committee.

ANSWER

The Regional Industries Investment Fund criteria and guidelines for clients to apply for funding have been finalised following an internal review of the Fund in 2013. These guidelines outline the assessment procedure, assessment criteria, types of eligible projects and program exclusions. A copy of these guidelines is attached (Attachment B).

QUESTION

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: Is it possible to get a breakdown of the allocations against the Research Attraction and Acceleration Program since its commencement?

Mr PATERSON: I should be able to do that. This is a program in which largely, in a delegated sense, the Chief Scientist is actively involved in assisting us with the administration of the program and we take her advice and input in relation to the projects that are funded under that scheme. But I do not think there is an impediment to providing that information and I will take it on notice because I do not have it with me. If I find that there is an impediment to me providing that information I will advise the Committee accordingly.

ANSWER

The Research Attraction and Acceleration Program (RAAP) was initiated in 2012/13 to support innovation and investment in the state's research and development capacity. Through this program, the Office of Science and Research provides funding to increase the competitiveness of bids made by NSW research consortia to a range of Commonwealth Government research funding programs. In addition, \$8 million is provided to National ICT Australia (NICTA) annually, with \$500,000 allocated to the TechVouchers Program. The Office of Science and Research also administers a range of science engagement and outreach programs under the RAAP.

2014/15 RESEARCH ATTRACTION AND ACCELERATION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Program/event name	Recipient Name	Funding amount
NICTA - annual NSW contribution	NICTA	\$8,000,000
Australian Synchrotron	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	\$300,000
2014 NSW Science and Engineering Awards recipients	Professor Mark Westoby (NSW Scientist of the Year)	\$55,000
	Professor Kostya Ostrikov (Excellence in Mathematics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry and Physics)	\$5,000
	Professor Benjamin Oldroyd (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Ecology, environmental, agricultural and organismal))	\$5,000
	Professor Nicholas Talley (Cell and molecular, medical, veterinary and genetics)	\$5,000
	Professor Salah Sukkarieh (Excellence in Engineering and Information and Communications Technologies)	\$5,000
	Professor Andrea Morello (Emerging Research)	\$5,000
	Professor Behdad Moghtaderi (Renewable Energy Innovation)	\$5,000
	Dr Peter Freewater (Innovation in Public Sector Science and Engineering)	\$5,000
	Ms Alice Leung (Innovation in Science and Mathematics Education)	\$5,000
Conference Sponsorship Program Round 4	The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering	\$7,720
	University of Sydney (2 conferences)	\$10,000
	Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute (2 conferences)	\$13,000
	Garvan Institute of Medical Research	\$7,500
	Australian Forest Growers	\$3,000
	University of Wollongong (4 conferences)	\$29,000
	Australia and NZ Falls Prevention Society	\$3,000
	Australasian Society for Immunology	\$5,000
	Australian Photovoltaic Institute	\$8,000

	(APVI)	
	Children's Cancer Institute Australia, Lowy Cancer Research Centre	\$5,000
	University of New South Wales	\$5,000
2014 National Science Week	Australian Museum	\$4,100
	University of Sydney	\$1,320
ARC Industrial Transformation Research Program	University of Sydney – Basin Genesis Hub	\$70,000
2014 Australian Engineering Week	Engineers Australia (Sydney Division)	\$3,500
Other research funding committed	Macquarie University (Yeast 2.0 project)	\$500,000
	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (World Harbour Project)	\$100,000
TechVouchers Program (including commitments)	Zone Advanced Protection Systems	\$15,000
	Hanma Investments	\$15,000
	HTR Business Technology Services	\$15,000
	Novogen Laboratories Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Achacha Fruit Unit Trust	\$11,000
	Dan Archer Medical	\$15,000
	Byron Food Science	\$4,660
	HTR Business Technology Services	\$15,000
	Dry Space Pty Ltd	\$4,000
	Ultimate Transmissions	\$15,000
	Thinking Solutions	\$14,938
	Pocket Herbs & Produce Pty Ltd	\$5,720
	AdbidX	\$15,000
	Neucione Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Efficient Environments Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Ground Support Services	\$15,000
	Chung Tin Holdings	\$15,000
	Roobuck Pty Ltd	\$7,613
	Junglefy Pty Ltd	\$11,318
	Advanced Manufacturing Services	\$15,000
	General Industry Pty Ltd	\$11,250
	Ceramisphere Pty Ltd	\$2,000
	AustL'stockEx	\$5,500
	Alfa Triton Products	\$15,000
	Earth Ocean and Space Pty Ltd	\$6,200
	Gratuk Technologies Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Spring Day	\$15,000
	Dyesol	\$9,409
2013/14 RESEARCH ATTRACTION AND ACCELERATION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS		

Program/event name	Recipient Name	Funding amount
NICTA – annual NSW contribution	NICTA	\$8,000,000
Australian Synchrotron	ANSTO	\$300,000
2014 Australian Engineering Week	Engineers Australia	\$27,500
Australian Science Media Centre sponsorship	Australian Science Media Centre	\$30,000
National Youth Science Forum	Kanishk Purohit (Canada Wide Science Fair)	\$1,500
	Courtney Paton (Canada Wide Science Fair)	\$1,500
	Shoshana Rapley (Canada Wide Science Fair)	\$1,500
	Samuel Glazebrook (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Harley Gray (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Charlie New (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Jake Sheath (European Science Open Forum)	\$1,500
	Charlotte Brew (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Emily Chen (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Brody Hannan (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Savannah Reali (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Rebecca Spillane (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Ainsley Sydun (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Michael Valceski (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Jordan Epstein (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Jacob Silove (National Youth Science Week)	\$1,500
	Erica Soon (National Youth Science Week)	\$1,500

	Veronica O'Mara (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
	Timothy Gilchrist (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
	Lachlan Patterson (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
	Scott Watts (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
Inspiring Australia Manager for NSW	University of Sydney	\$70,000
UNSW Innovation Awards sponsorship	University of New South Wales	\$5,000
Inspiring Australia NSW Regional Science Hub Grants Program (jointly funded with Inspiring Australia, \$50,000 from RAAP)	Central West Science Hub (Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum)	\$7,000
	Central West Science Hub (Dubbo Council)	\$7,000
	Eastern Sydney Science Hub (Centennial Parklands)	\$5,000
	Northern Rivers Science Hub (Southern Cross University)	\$5,000
	Hunter Science Hub (Science and Engineering Challenge)	\$5,000
	Murray Science Hub (Murray Arts)	\$8,000
	North West Slopes Science Hub (Gunnedah Public School)	\$1,500
	Northern Tablelands Science Hub (Kentucky Public School)	\$1,500
	Mid north Coast Science Hub (Charles Sturt University)	\$5,000
	Shoalhaven Science Hub (Bundanon Trust)	\$5,500
	South Sydney Science Hub (Hazelhurst regional Gallery)	\$6,500
	Penrith Science Hub (Penrith South Public School)	\$5,000
	North Western Science Hub (University of New England)	\$8,000
2013 NSW Science and Engineering Awards recipients	Laureate Professor Graeme Jameson (NSW Scientist of the Year)	\$55,000
	Professor John Webb (Excellence in Mathematics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry and Physics)	\$5,000
	Professor Robert Park (Excellence in Biological Sciences)	\$5,000

	(Ecology, Environmental, Agricultural and Organismal))	
	Professor Martina Stenzel (Excellence in Engineering and Information and Communications Technologies)	\$5,000
	Professor Katharina Gaus (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Cell and Molecular, Medical, Veterinary and Genetics)	\$5,000
	Professor Justin Gooding(Emerging Research)	\$5,000
	Professor Thomas Maschmayer (Renewable Energy Innovation)	\$5,000
	Adjunct Professor Harvey Dillon (Innovation in Public Sector Science and Engineering)	\$5,000
	Ms Nicolette Hilton (Innovation in Science and Mathematics Education)	\$5,000
International Research collaboration with Technion – Israel Institute of Technology	University of Sydney (Centre for Ultrahigh Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems)	\$300,000
ARC Centres of Excellence program co-investment	Macquarie University (ARC CoE for Nanoscale Biophotonics)	\$500,000
	University of Wollongong (ARC CoE for Electromaterials Science)	\$500,000
Cooperative Research Centres Round 16 co-investment	HEARing CRC	\$100,000
	Capital Markets CRC	\$100,000
Conference Sponsorship Program Round 3	Hearing CRC (Macquarie University)	\$4,000
	University of Technology, Sydney (3 conferences)	\$16,000
	University of Wollongong (2 conferences)	\$16,000
	University of Sydney (2 conferences)	\$12,000
	University of New South Wales (4 conferences)	\$24,000
	NICTA	\$8,000
	Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering	\$4,000
	Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics	\$4,000
Other research funding	Cancer Institute NSW	\$70,000
TechVouchers	Sur Fin Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Climate Friendly Pty Ltd	\$1,765

	Supbundo Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Lymphatech Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Blackwater Treatment Systems	\$15,000
	Echidna Energy P/L	\$15,000
	Waratah Power	\$10,000
	Ensitech IP Pty Ltd	\$5,560
	Greencorp Magnetics Pty Ltd	\$7,500
	NanoTag P/L	\$15,000
	Air & Odour Management	\$9,000
	Polysoft Pty Ltd	\$7,396
	Rafflie Intertrade Water Pty Ltd	\$9,000
	Samadha Pacifica Pty Ltd	\$14,660
	Bio Organic Farm	\$15,000
	Vimoc Innovation Labs	\$11,137
	E-bilities Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Zenogen Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Think Nano	\$5,750
	Saber Astronautics	\$14,000
	Regeneus Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	SP Health Co Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Achacha Fruit Unit Trust	\$4,000
	Gondwana Colours	\$12,500
	Microbiogen Pty Ltd	\$6,715
	Converte Pty Ltd	\$11,250
	Futureglow Pty Ltd	\$11,486
	Lismore GP Super Clinic Pty Ltd	\$12,000
	YHT Investments T/A Aquazure	\$3,835
	Polyair P/L	\$6,004
	EL and JG Evans – SaferGate	\$15,000
	Palos Verde International P/L	\$15,000
	Madura Tea Estates	\$4,439
	Dyesol	\$12,544
	Mathspace Pty Ltd	\$15,000
	Ecohaus-Benchmark for Homes	\$15,000

2012/13 RESEARCH ATTRACTION AND ACCELERATION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Program/event name	Recipient Name	Funding amount
NICTA – annual NSW contribution	NICTA	\$5,000,000
Australian Science Media Centre sponsorship	Australian Science Media Centre	\$30,000
Inspiring Australia Manager for NSW	University of Sydney	\$60,000
Inspiring Australia Regional Science Hub Grants Program (jointly funded with Inspiring Australia, \$20,000 from RAAP)	Central West Science Hub	\$6,000
	Murrumbidgee Science Hub	\$4,000

	Eastern Riverina Science Hub	\$6,000
	Far South Coast Hub	\$9,500
	North Western Science Hub	\$6,000
	Murray Science Hub	\$5,000
	Snowy Region Science Hub	\$2,000
	Western Sydney Science Hub	\$1,500
National Youth Science Forum	Cassandra Lieschke (Stockholm International Science Seminar)	\$1,500
	Guy Leckenby (Stockholm International Science Seminar)	\$1,500
	Catherine Bowler (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	George Kettle (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Isaac Vorreiter (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Rebecca Mackney (London International Youth Science Forum)	\$1,500
	Jakub Nabaglo (International Science Summer School Heidelberg)	\$1,500
	Jonathan Li (Research Science Institute Boston)	\$1,500
	Justin Roberts (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
	Angelique Ray (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
	Coen Romalis (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
	Merryn Fraser (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
	Rhys Kilian (National Youth Science Week Pretoria)	\$1,500
2012 NSW Science and Engineering Awards	Laureate Professor John Aitken (NSW Scientist of the Year)	\$55,000
	Professor Peter Robinson (Emerging Research)	\$5,000
	Laureate Professor Paul Foster (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Human and Animal Health))	\$5,000
	Dr Angela Moles (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Plant, Agriculture and Environment))	\$5,000
	Associate Professor Emma Johnston (Excellence in Biological Sciences (Plant, Agriculture and Environment))	\$5,000
	Scientia Professor Andrew Dzurak (Excellence in Engineering)	\$5,000

	and Information and Communications Technologies)	
	Professor Matthew England (Excellence in Mathematics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry and Physics)	\$5,000
	Professor Chris Tinney (Excellence in Mathematics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry and Physics)	\$5,000
	Dr Neil Saintilan (Innovation in Public Sector Science and Engineering)	\$5,000
	Dr Kenneth Silburn (Innovation in Science and Mathematics Education)	\$5,000
	Professor Guoxiu Wang (Renewable Energy Innovation)	\$5,000
Conference Sponsorship Program Round 2	University of Wollongong (3 conferences)	\$28,500
	University of Sydney (4 conferences)	\$27,000
	University of Technology, Sydney	\$9,500
	Macquarie University	\$9,500
	Garvan Institute of Medical Research	\$4,000
UNSW Innovation Awards sponsorship	University of New South Wales	\$5,000
Australian Synchrotron	ANSTO	\$300,000
Collaborative Research Infrastructure Scheme co-investment	Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Research Facility (University of Sydney)	\$520,000
	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	\$260,000
	University of New South Wales	\$20,000
	Australian National Fabrication Facility (University of Wollongong)	\$147,000
	Australian National Fabrication Facility (University of New South Wales)	\$289,000
	Australian National Fabrication Facility (Macquarie University)	\$294,000
	Australian Proteome Analysis Facility (Macquarie University)	\$268,000
	Australian Proteome Analysis Facility (University of New South Wales)	\$202,000
Australia China Science Research Fund - Joint Research Centres	University of New South Wales	\$100,000

Cooperative Research Centres Round 15 co-investment	Alertness, Safety and Productivity CRC	\$100,000
Education Investment Fund Regional Round	Southern Cross University	\$258,300
	University of New England	\$194,868
Cooperative Research Centres Round 16 bid support	University of Sydney	\$30,000
National Hendra Virus Research Program	CSIRO	\$225,000
	Queensland Government (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)	\$700,500
	Queensland Government (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)	\$1,200,000
TechVouchers Program	Resinject Pty Ltd	\$5,920
	Voztec P/L	\$1,348
	Bonza Botanicals Pty Ltd	\$14,952
	Trimec Industries P/L	\$5,957
	Quantum Generation	\$15,000
	Pharmaxis P/L	\$15,000
	Star Water Solutions P/L	\$15,000
	ProForm Foods P/L	\$7,410
	Simavita P/L	\$13,500
	RG & KW Hazelton P/L	\$15,000
	Foxlights International P/L	\$15,000
	Southern Oil Refinery P/L (SOR)	\$15,000
	Calclear Investments P/L	\$3,750
	Silanna Semiconductors	\$15,000

QUESTION

The Hon. MICK VEITCH: What work has he conducted in that time frame? For instance, an upper House inquiry is currently underway into the Mr Fluffy incidents regarding the program of insulation in the Australian Capital Territory. Has the Cross-Border Commissioner at any stage been involved in assisting the Government in that very significant issue?

Mr PATERSON: I am happy to check it. I have not seen anything that would suggest that he has been involved in the Mr Fluffy issue. I am happy to take the question on notice. I do not look at his day-to-day operational activity and it does not come to me. I am happy to check but I do not believe that he has been involved in anything associated with Mr Fluffy, but I could be wrong. I am happy to check.

ANSWER

The NSW Cross-Border Commissioner discussed the issue of loose-fill asbestos in August and September 2014 with WorkCover NSW and representatives of the ACT Government. These discussions have included consideration of the Terms of Reference and activities of the NSW Joint Select Committee on Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation, the WorkCover NSW program for free property assessment and

inspection, and the activities of responsible agencies in NSW and the ACT in the provision of information to potentially affected communities and individuals. The NSW Cross-Border Commissioner was satisfied that WorkCover NSW, as the agency responsible, was appropriately enabled to manage the issue and that there were no reasons to become involved in the matter. The NSW Cross-Border Commissioner is continuing to monitor the situation.



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Regional Industries Investment Fund

Purpose

The Regional Industries Investment Fund (RIIF) plays a key role in the NSW Government's commitment to driving economic growth in regional New South Wales and enhancing the attractiveness of regional areas. RIIF is administered by NSW Trade & Investment and is available for eligible projects that result in positive economic outcomes for the State.

Facilitation services

A key element of RIIF is the provision of facilitation services offered by NSW Trade & Investment through its regional office network to help secure new projects with strong economic development outcomes in regional New South Wales. NSW Trade & Investment can help to facilitate these projects by providing information on potential sites, key local introductions, as well as liaising with local government, service providers and other government agencies on behalf of clients to help resolve issues and move projects forward.

NSW Trade & Investment regional staff can also help to facilitate capacity building projects by providing advice on project scoping, stakeholder consultation, project management and potential sources of project funding.

Project types supported

In some instances, financial support may be provided for projects under RIIF that:

- help fill gaps left by the market system;
- promote economic and employment growth in regional NSW;
- help regional communities capitalise on their strengths and broaden and reposition their industry base;
- assist with the development of regional and local solutions that will enable business development; and

- support the regional economy, including economic infrastructure and capacity building projects.

Typical projects supported under RIIF include assistance:

- to help secure projects involving businesses establishing, expanding or relocating from interstate to regional NSW where significant new jobs and investment are being created;
- to help overcome impediments to investment projects that will result in the creation of new jobs in regional NSW;
- to help deliver critical economic infrastructure (including road works, regional airports, electricity supply, natural gas mains and pipelines, water supply, sewerage connection, telecommunications including data networks) where it can be demonstrated there is a clear link to significant new investment projects and job creation as a result of the infrastructure being built;
- for regional communities to broaden their economic bases such as local/regional marketing initiatives to attract investment and business as well as clustering and networking activities that can generate the critical mass needed to address key industry issues/constraints.

All projects must be linked to the creation of significant new jobs and investment and have the potential to benefit more than one firm. Projects must also closely align with State and regional priorities and provide evidence of feasibility and viability.

Businesses creating new jobs in NSW may also be eligible for payroll tax rebates under the Jobs Action Plan (rebate up to \$5,000 per new job). www.osr.nsw.gov.au/taxes/payroll/job_scheme.

The new Jobs Action Plan Fresh Start Support rebate is a one-off amount of \$1,000 that can be claimed at the first anniversary of an eligible employee's employment start date. This rebate is available to eligible employers who employ a new person who has been made redundant (within the



period of 1 January 2014 and 30 June 2015) by an employer who is a designated employer.

Eligible RIIF applicants include:

- local councils
- infrastructure providers
- private sector businesses
- incorporated associations including business, industry and community organisations
- cooperatives
- regional development organisations including Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees
- educational institutions

Eligible RIIF locations

The RIIF program is available for eligible projects in regional NSW which is defined as the local government areas outside the Sydney Metropolitan Area, Liverpool, Penrith, Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly, Hawkesbury and the Blue Mountains.

Application procedure

Prospective applicants should discuss their proposed project with their local NSW Trade & Investment office in the first instance. Applications for assistance will only be issued following discussion of the proposed project.

Assessment criteria

Each application for assistance is assessed on a case-by-case basis having regard to the program criteria and the project's potential to generate positive economic benefits and outcomes for the State. NSW Trade & Investment utilises a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) methodology to estimate the net economic benefits of the project.

Program exclusions

- Basic agriculture (including forestry, fishing, and hunting) and mining are excluded from RIIF assistance.
- Intensive agriculture such as aquaculture, horticulture, rabbit and poultry farming may be considered where it can be shown that they contribute to value adding industries.
- Assistance should not compromise competitive neutrality and as such, retailers, accommodation providers, localised trade and professional services are generally excluded from the program.
- Assistance is not available towards feasibility studies.

NSW Trade & Investment must have completed its assessment of a project prior to an applicant's decision to proceed with or commence a project. Projects that are retrospective will not be considered.

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