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VALLEY COUNCIL

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Director Committees  
Regional Aviation Inquiry  
Parliament House  
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Dear Ms Foley

Please find attached by corrected manuscript - a couple of minor word changes; my answer to the question on notice and the feedback form.

The answer to the question on notice (enclosed) was a \$128,327 loss for the airport operations in 2013/14.

Thanks again for the chance to input on such an important issue as aviation services to our regions.

Yours faithfully

Des Schroder  
**Director - Environment, Planning & Community**

# QUESTION ON NOTICE

UNCORRECTED

**The Hon. PAUL GREEN:** It is too early but, surprisingly, councils are not building within their section 94 their airport needs across the regions.

**Mr SCHRODER:** You are right. We have not got it in our section 94 plans, although the section 94 plans, depending where the new planning reforms go, were a tenuous piece of—

**The Hon. PAUL GREEN:** Someone has to pay.

**Mr SCHRODER:** Someone has got to pay, yes, I agree. You are right; we have not got them in our section 94 plans.

**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** Just to follow on from Mr Green's question around the recurrent cost of running the airport, are you able to take on notice and get back to us about what it costs to achieve? It is about \$17,000 for maintenance and things like that but an airport must cost more than that, and we have heard around the State that it costs more than that.

**The Hon. PAUL GREEN:** They lose \$17,000 per annum. It is not much. I see that as an investment.

**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** Compared to other councils that are telling us what they are losing.

**Mr SCHRODER:** Just to qualify that: If you had to put in the capital cost, the depreciation costs, that would go up a lot—like our rates.

**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** Can you take that on notice?

**Mr SCHRODER:** Sure.

**CHAIR:** Thank you, Mr Schroder, for appearing today. Again, I apologise for the mix-up with the times and so on; it was something that was out of our control. You took that last question on notice. The secretariat will be in touch with you to confirm the question and once you liaise with them if you could get the answer back to us within 21 days that would be fantastic.

(The witness withdrew)

## ANSWER

- WITH ALL COSTS ACCOUNTED FOR THE LOSS FOR THE AIRPORT IN 2013/14 WAS \$128,327
  - NOTE THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE \$2 MILLION COST OF UPGRADING THE TARMAC, TERMINAL, APRON REFERENCED TO IN THE TRANSCRIPT
  - LAND INH FEES WERE \$121,212.
- STATE DEVELOPMENT 8 TUESDAY 22 JULY 2014  
OTHER INCOME WAS \$13,000