

## **INQUIRY INTO FUNERAL INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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*Answer:* **The business is one of many separate budget subjects that fall under the Infrastructure Department. The expenditure and income are based more on historical information than a standalone business.**

**For the 2004-05 Financial Year, the Cemetery budgeted for a \$35,475 loss. Total expenditure was forecast to be \$157,815 which included \$8,140 worth of Capital Works. Total income was forecast to be \$122,340.**

**Therefore, Council expected to run the Cemetery at a loss rather than view the Cemetery as a standalone business which should operate at a profit or at least break even.**

**For the 2005-06 Budget Expenditure is forecast at \$151,819, Income is expected to be \$130,000. Therefore a loss of \$21,819 has been budgeted for.**

