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MEMORANDUM

To	Revd Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Hon Peter Primrose MLC Hon Robyn Parker MLC Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Hon Ian West MLC Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	cc:	Hon Peter Primrose MLC Hon Don Harwin MLC Hon John Ryan MLC
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From Tanya Bosch

Subject Answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearing

Date 25 October 2004

Reference The Legislature

Please find attached a copy of the answers provided to the questions taken on notice by the Hon Meredith Burgmann MLC, President of the Legislative Council at the Budget Estimates hearing on Friday 17 September 2004.

Tanya Bosch
Director, Budget Estimates



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THE HON. DR MEREDITH BURGMANN PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Dear Ms Bosch

I refer to your letter dated 22 September 2004 relating to the question taken on notice during the budget estimates hearing on 17 September 2004.

In response to the question asked by the Hon John Ryan I am pleased to advise as follows:

Question asked: *"The Hon John Ryan: Has there been any difference in expenditure by Members using support allowances as a global budget as opposed to the way the Parliament budget used to look when Members claimed for items individually, such as air tickets, phone calls and so on?"*

Response: An analysis of expenditure trends prior to the introduction of the new entitlement system on 31 December 2000 for the subsequent financial years to 30 June 2004 indicates an increased expenditure on Legislative Council Members' entitlements.

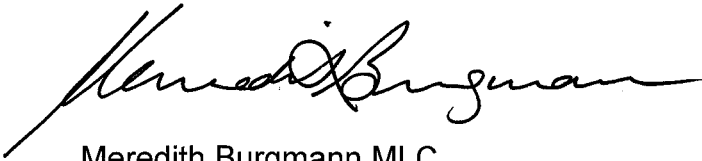
Prior to adjustment for inflation, expenditure for year ending 30 June 2001 increased by 5.2% compared to the 1999/2000 financial year. Expenditure for the 2001/2002 financial year increased by 29.65% and by 36.65% for 2002/2003. The increase for the 2003/2004 financial year compared to the 1999/2000 base year was 25.56% following the commencement of a new four year Parliamentary entitlement term on 22 March 2003.

After adjustment for CPI, the resultant increases for each financial year compared to the 1999/2000 base year are:

2000/2001	-1.10%
2001/2002	20.36%
2002/2003	24.68%
2003/2004	20.45%

With the flexibility provided to Members to carry-over unused Logistic Support Allocation funds to subsequent financial years within the four-year Parliamentary term, expenditure trends are not readily comparable from year to year or with the previous fixed entitlement system in place prior to 31 December 2000.

Yours sincerely



Meredith Burgmann MLC
President