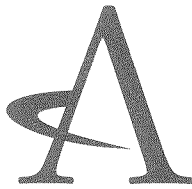


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Dear Ms Duffy

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority

I refer to my appearance before the General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 on 21 February 2005.

At that appearance I undertook to provide further information in relation to a question asked by the Hon Greg Pearce regarding the Authority's retained profits of approximately \$1.4 billion at 30 June 2003.

My enquiries disclose that this is a composition of assets acquired from former agencies \$1,306,075,000; retained profits transferred from Australian Technology Park Ltd following its acquisition by the Authority, \$20,965,000; operating surpluses, \$116,249,000 and transfers from the asset revaluation reserve of \$5,110,000 following the disposal of assets. Offset against this were dividends paid to the State Government totalling \$58,174,000.

Assets acquired from former agencies included \$386.1 million from City West Development Corporation, \$901.8 million from the Darling Harbour Authority and \$18.2 million from the Museum of Contemporary Art.

As to the second part of the Member's question, the \$1,390 million together with the balance of the asset revaluation reserve \$89.3 million represents the net assets of the Authority at 30 June 2003.

Yours sincerely

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