QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2007-08

Question 1

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: Last year 165 employees of the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care [DADHC] were earning more than \$100,000. This year 219 employees are earning more than \$100,000. What is the reason for the growth in middle management?

Mr MOORE: I cannot give you the precise breakdown of what that would be but it would be largely due to people moving across a salary pay point, I would expect. There would be a group of people who would just be below who have moved above. There has not been a major influx of middle managers into the department.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: Would you be able to get back to us with more details on that table? You are suggesting there were a heap of employees that were just under \$100,000 who have moved up the pay scale to over \$100,000?

Mr MOORE: That would be my suspicion because there has not been an influx of a middle management group into the department.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: You will come back to us with details on that?

Mr MOORE: Yes.

Answer

The increase from 165 to 219 is due to:

- 30 staff who moved from below to above \$100,000 due to an increment increase within their salary band and/or an award increase in their salary.
- A change in the counting rules: the figure provided in 2007 was for staff whose base annual salary was over \$100,000. The figure provided in 2008 included all earnings in the nature of salary for the year, including overtime, penalty rates and allowances.

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Question 2

Mr MOORE: The cost of the redevelopment of the Grosvenor sites and the building of new facilities was part of Stronger Together, so one of the line items in Stronger Together was to fund the construction of new long-term and respite accommodation.

CHAIR: How much was that?

Mr MOORE: I would have to take that on notice, I am sorry, I do not have it off the top of my head, but the land that was freed up as part of the action was not used as an offset to that particular capital investment.

Answer

The redevelopment of Grosvenor was approved at \$7.71 million as part of a capital approval of \$21.33 million for upgrade and refurbishment of the Grosvenor and Lachlan residences. The project commenced in 2006/07 financial year and was completed in November 2008.

The estimated completion cost of the project is \$7.162 million.

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