

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE G**

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## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Estimates Committee G accepted the responsibility for examining the estimates for the Department of Communication and Information and Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities, the Department of Environment and Heritage, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing. Expenditure by these departments represents a significant portion of the state budget.

Because estimates committee hearings provide members of parliament with the opportunity to examine departmental budgets, all members were welcome to attend the hearing and to put questions to the respective ministers. All members of Estimates Committee G attended the hearing.

The Ministerial Program Statements provide members with a clear, easy to understand budget overview for the portfolio and allow for reasonably valid comparisons between budgetary years. The committee believes the individual skill of members in interpreting the budget papers and asking pertinent questions will always be the underlying reason for success of the estimates process.

Thank you to my fellow committee members, The Honourable Vince Lester MLA, Dr Lesley Clark MLA, Mr Howard Hobbs MLA, Mr Graham Healy MLA, and Mrs Linda Lavarch MLA, for their work on the committee and to the secretariat staff Mr Les Dunn, Research Director and Ms Cassandra Adams, Research Officer, for their assistance. I would also like to thank the Hansard staff, the parliamentary attendants and the audio-visual staff for their assistance.

Paul Lucas MLA  
Chair

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The sessional orders adopted by the Legislative Assembly on 15 September 1998 established seven estimates committees to consider proposed expenditure under the *Appropriation Bill 1998* and the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 1998*. On 15 September 1998 the Legislative Assembly appointed the chair and members to the estimates committees. The Votes and Proceedings for that day formally records these matters.

The Legislative Assembly appointed Estimates Committee G to examine and report on the proposed expenditure for the organisational units within the portfolios of the following ministers:

- Minister for Communication and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities
- Minister for Environment and Heritage and Minister for Natural Resources
- Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing

The committee first met on Thursday 17 September 1998. The committee elected the Honourable Vince Lester MLA, Member for Keppel, as deputy chair.

The committee conducted a public hearing on Thursday 8 October 1998 to take evidence from the Minister for Communication and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities, the Minister for Environment and Heritage and Minister for Natural Resources, the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing and their respective officers.

The committee will present additional information and answers to questions on notice asked before and during the public hearing to the parliament as a volume of "Additional Information" accompanying this report. Minutes of the committee's meetings are included in the volume of "Additional Information".

The committee asked pre-hearing questions of the Minister for Communication and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities, the Minister for Environment and Heritage and the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing. During the public hearing the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning and Regional and Rural Communities took two questions on notice. The committee received answers the questions taken on notice.

## **2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING**

### **2.1. INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Communication and Information, Local Government and Planning seeks to achieve the expansion in the communication and information industries; efficient, cost effective and timely delivery of telecommunications infrastructure; an autonomous, effective and efficient system of local government; adequate and cost effective water and waste infrastructure services; an efficient, credible and integrated planning and development system; urban and regional planning that maintains and improves the livability of cities, towns and regions; a safe and health living environment through development standard and regulatory processes; stronger participation by regional communities in government policy development and decision-making; and policies and programs that promote access to services and facilitate economic and social development in rural and remote areas.

The department's 1998-99 budget is \$632.707M an increase of \$90.5 million or a 17% increase on the comparable budget for 1997-98. This amount includes \$139.968 million for Communication and Information; \$468.591 million for Local Government; \$12.428 million for Planning; \$1.762 million for Building Standards; \$5.870 million for Regional Communities; and \$4.088 million for Rural Communities.

### **2.2. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION**

The goal of the Communication and Information program is that all Queenslanders have access to world standard communication and information services at the lowest sustainable price. The program is responsible for the management of archival material and provides and manages a range of Government information technology infrastructure and services. It seeks to promote the development of the infrastructure, technology and the facilities necessary to enable all Queenslanders to participate in the information age.

At the hearing, in response to a question from Dr Watson the minister stated that shortly after he appoints the Communication and Information Advisory Board he will release the governments Communication and Strategic plan. The strategic planning process will put in place performance indicators to ensure that departments are meeting requirements.<sup>1</sup> Also, the minister explained the benefit of amalgamating functions within the department so that industry has only one area to go to get advice. The minister suggested that in the past industry was unsure where to go to and who to speak to for advice.<sup>2</sup> There is also a possibility that a private sector operator may lay a fibre optic cable along the Queensland Rail corridor from Brisbane to Cairns which will further improve communications within the state.<sup>3</sup>

Key activities planned for 1998-99 include the provision of \$2.4 million over three years to support the establishment of the Collaborative Health Informatics Centre. The program also seeks to minimise the risks and impact of the Year 2000 problem on Queensland, by ensuring

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<sup>1</sup> Transcript:410

<sup>2</sup> Transcript:413

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that government agencies are prepared for the problems that may arise, placing emphasis on emergency services, electricity, water and sewerage treatment.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$139.968 million which is a \$19.633 million increase on the actual expenditure for 1997-98. This amount can be broken up into \$6.173 million for the State Archives sub-program; \$16.456 million for the Service Delivery<sup>4</sup> sub-program; \$3,457 million for the Strategy and Planning sub-program; \$4.858 million for the Information Industries Board sub-program; and \$108,422 million for the CITEC sub-program.

### **2.3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The goal of the Local Government program is to have an autonomous, efficient and accountable system of local government that responds to community needs. The program aims to create a responsive and effective local government system that enables councils to deliver services efficiently, commensurate with contemporary best practice and appropriate accountabilities.

Key activities of the program include the establishment of a modern legislative framework for local government; the integration of Government policies affecting local governments; promoting improvements in the performance of local governments and provide funding and subsidies to local governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for infrastructure and services.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$468.591 million which is a \$45 million increase on the actual expenditure for 1997-98. This includes \$1.098 million for the Legislation and Strategic Co-ordination sub-program; \$463.292 million for the Local Government Funding sub-program;<sup>5</sup> \$2.603 million for the Operations and Development sub-program; and \$1.598 million for the Allocation of Corporate Services. At the hearing the minister state the increase in funding to local governments would include funding for roads and drainage, National Landcare, drought stricken local governments, urban water supply schemes, the Local Government Drought Assistance Scheme and the Smaller Communities Assistance Program. There are also specific program from some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, \$2 million for security devices in public places and \$2.5 million to help councils identify contaminated sites.<sup>6</sup>

### **2.4. PLANNING**

The goal of the Planning program is to ensure sustainable development through integrated planning, that balances social, economic and environmental considerations. This program implements and manages a best practice planning and development system by maintaining the legislative and regulatory framework for the conduct of planning and development; supporting the preparation of regional planning strategies; and providing an extensive range of essential planning information to users of the planning system.

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<sup>4</sup> An increase of \$13.736 million is due to the Year 2000 project undertaken by this sub-program to assist the public sector to minimise the risks and impact of this problem.

<sup>5</sup> An increase of \$20.241 million in this sub-program reflects the second stage of the National Competition Policy for the Financial Incentive package being provided by the State Government.

<sup>6</sup> Transcript:422



The program is to provide administrative and technical support to local governments, assisting them in the preparation of benchmark development sequencing plans and infrastructure charges plans to facilitate the cost effective provision of all relevant services to new developments, as required by the *Infrastructure Planning Act 1997* (IPA).

To ensure the maximum efficiency and effectiveness of the planning system, an additional \$0.8M is to be provided for IPA related client information, training and education over two years. There will also be the promotion of client needs, best-practice planning advice and guidelines for the program.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$12.428 million which is a \$1.608 million increase on the 1997-98 budget but is \$37,000 less than the 1997-98 actual expenditure.

## **2.5. BUILDING STANDARDS**

The goal of the Building Standards program is to facilitate the development of a safe and healthy living environment through high quality and cost effective development standards and regulatory processes. Traditionally this program manages the legislative framework for building work. However, in 1998-99, this role will be expanded to include responsibility for a broader range of on-site development standards.

The program seeks to achieve this through the development and promotion of best practice development codes, ensuring the efficiency of the regulatory system and appeal processes and the provision of ongoing support through training and education to key stakeholders.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$1.762 million which is a \$16,000 increase on the 1997-98 budget. This includes \$780,000 for the Legislation and Standards sub-program; \$347,000 for the Systems Performance sub-program; \$200,000 for the Australian Building Codes Board Grant sub-program; and \$435,000 allocation of corporate Services.

## **2.6. REGIONAL COMMUNITIES**

The goal of the Regional Communities program is to strengthen regional communities' participation in Government policy development and decision-making. This program aims to ensure that its sub-programs and services address the needs of Queensland's regional communities more effectively.

The program seeks to establish processes that will enable all regional communities to participate in Government decision-making that directly affects their regions. It will hold forums in which these communities may raise with the government priority issues, needs and problems within their region.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$5.870M. This includes \$5 million for the Regional Communities Program and \$870,000 for the allocation of Corporate Services.

## **2.7. RURAL COMMUNITIES**

The goal of the Rural Communities program is to promote fairer access to services and improved social and economic opportunities for rural communities.

Amongst other things, this program coordinates the delivery of information and services to rural and remote communities throughout Queensland, through the Queensland Government Agent Program. It seeks to improve both the social and economic development of these rural communities. Key initiatives for 1998–99 include the establishment of a Queensland Rural Area Development Council to provide advice on matters that impact on the social and economic development to the government. It will also examine new electronic delivery of services and information strategies to these communities. At the hearing the minister stated that the department is working on having Queensland Online to bring government services together and for this to be available at QGAP offices in rural areas. The system will be made as user friendly as possible.<sup>7</sup>

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$4.088M. This includes \$1.073 million for Rural Communities Developments sub-program; \$2.558 for the CountryNet sub-program; and \$0.457 million for the allocation of corporate services.

## **2.8. CORPORATE**

The goal of the Corporate program is to have a client focussed organisation based on sound professional, human resource, financial and asset management practices.

This program works together with its clients, ensuring that the department delivers efficiently and effectively on its accountabilities. It is to provide strategic policy, management, advisory and support services, information and organisational development.

Key initiatives for 1998-99 include the enhancement of electronic service delivery, review and implement the Human Resources Strategic Plan and implement workforce development strategies to support organisational development and improvement.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$6.587 million which is an increase of \$0.75 million to the 1997–98 budget.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Transcript:429

<sup>8</sup> The increase reflects transfers to date for the Allocation of Corporate Services for the Communication and Information program.

### **3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE**

#### **3.1. INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Environment and Heritage's main role is to promote the protection and use of the environment to support the economic and social development of Queensland. The department's long term goals are a clean and safe environment, maintenance of biological diversity, sustainable use of wildlife resources and maintenance of cultural heritage. Over the coming year the department will acquire national parks in coastal areas, protect biodiversity and endangered species, introduce coastal and waterway management initiatives, manage waste management initiatives, establish the Environmental Protection Agency and support the development of sustainable industries and renewable energy.

The department's estimated Consolidated Fund outlays for 1998-99 is \$181.6 million which is an increase of \$25.5 million on the 1997-98 estimated expenditure. This amount includes \$142.230 million for Conservation, \$46.038 million for Environment. The increase is mainly due to an increase in funds for new initiatives. The Trust Fund estimated expenditure is \$6.9 million which is a slight increase over the 1997-98 budget.

#### **3.2. CONSERVATION**

The goals of the Conservation program are, a clean and safe environment, maintenance of biodiversity, sustainable use of wildlife resources, sustainable economic and community development and maintenance of cultural heritage.

The program is responsible for declaring and maintaining national and marine parks, wildlife protection and management, conserving ATSI and European cultural heritage, acquiring land for conservation reserves, conservation management outside reserves, the Work and Labour Market Program, applied research and protecting and conserving the coastal zone, wetlands and offshore islands. The minister told the committee that biodiversity is a key plank in the government's policy. The government has allocated \$700,000 over the next four years to boost biodiversity conservation and \$1.03 million over the next four years on fauna and flora assessment and analysis. Also, \$2.65 million is allocated to projects which contribute to the recovery of key species. The Naturesearch program will be re-established with a \$1.75 million allocation. Also, the government has allocated \$1.05 million for the analysis and monitoring of threatened ecosystems.<sup>9</sup>

As part of its heritage program the department is reviewing the operation of the Heritage Act. At the hearing the minister told the committee that the review will not result in a new unit to manage the act. The review is to look at the impact of the act on staffing within the department and the relationship between the department and other heritage conservation bodies.<sup>10</sup>

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$142.30 million which is a slight increase over the 1997-98 actual expenditure. Subprogram expenditure includes \$32.445 million for

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<sup>9</sup> Transcript:459

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Coastal Management, \$30.279 million for Conservation Strategy, \$6.002 million for Cultural Heritage, \$57.698 for National Parks and Wildlife, \$10.931 million for Wet Tropics and \$4.875 million for Allocation of Business Support Services.

### **3.3. ENVIRONMENT**

The goals of the Environment Program are a clean and safe environment, maintenance of biodiversity and sustainable economic and community development. The program works to ensure Queensland has a cleaner and safer environment through the implementation of sound environmental policies. The program conducts research into and reports on the state's environment and promotes a mix of economic and regulatory policies to achieve desired environmental outcomes.

The government is to set up an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to manage the states environment. The minister told the committee the EPA has a base allocation of \$200,000 and will receive \$400,000 to provide for the transitional administrative costs of establishing the EPA. The core function of the EPA is to protect the community from poor environmental practice. The EPA will be industry focused and aim to deliver environmental improvements in partnership with industry.<sup>11</sup> At the hearing the minister also outlined the government's initiatives for dealing with greenhouse gas emissions. The government has set aside \$336,000 to develop the Greenhouse Challenge Program - a voluntary program to which industry can contribute. In the future the government will develop an environmental protection policy for greenhouse emissions<sup>12</sup>.

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$46.308 million which is a \$15.929 million increase on the 1997-98 actual expenditure. The main reason for the increase is funding for new initiatives, additional commonwealth funding, enterprise bargaining and inclusion of services previously under the Business Support Services Program. Subprogram funding includes \$7.133 million for Environmental Planning, \$16.256 million for Pollution Management, \$12.334 million for Waste Management, \$5.710 million for Waterways Management and \$4.875 million for allocation of Business Support Services.

### **3.4. BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Business Support Services Program is responsible for improving corporate accountability, strategic management, business practices and workplace health and safety. The goals of the program are improved client focus, service delivery standards and accountability, well being and productivity of the workforce and to improve community awareness and appreciation of the environment.

The program's estimated total cost for 1998-99 is \$9.750 million. Which is about half of the actual expenditure for 1997-98. The main reason for the difference is the transfer of the Business Support Services to the Environment and Conservation programs.

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<sup>11</sup> Transcript: 454

<sup>12</sup> Transcript:455,456

## **4. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **4.1. INTRODUCTION**

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources is to support the economic growth of Queensland through the sustainable use, development and management of land, water and native vegetation resources. In the coming year the department will continue to develop and construct several major water storage and irrigation facilities, enhance strategic weed management, finalise a Regional Forest Agreement for South East Queensland, develop a state wide forest database and continue the work on the state's stock route network.

The department's 1998-99 estimated Consolidated Funds budget is \$461.128 million which is a 19.2% increase on the actual expenditure for 1997-98. The increase is due to large water projects, extra commonwealth funding, new expenditure for the Regional Forests Agreement, strategic weed management and stock route network projects. The estimated 1998-99 Trust Fund expenditure is \$150.800 million an increase of \$1.600 million.

### **4.2. LAND SERVICES**

The Land Services Program is to deliver timely and quality land services. The program maintains and makes available lands related information, undertakes property valuations for taxation and other purposes, undertakes mapping and survey activities and provides services relating to the management and allocation of state land, leases, roads and reserves and registers interests in freehold and leasehold land. It acquires and disposes of public land. Also, the program provides advisory and dispute resolution services in regard to land and provides for the recognition of ATSI interests in land.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$104.556 million which is a \$4.349 million increase on the actual 1997-98 expenditure. This amount includes subprogram funding of \$22.250 million for Land Interests and Titling, \$18.863 million for Valuations, \$24.500 million for Survey and Mapping, \$24.138 million for State Land Administration, \$10.205 million for Allocation of Corporate Services and \$1.500 million for Internal Service Charges.

### **4.3. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

The Resource management Program's aim is to ensure the state's natural resources are used, managed and allocated in an economically, culturally, socially and environmentally responsible manner. The program develops and implements policies and practices for natural resource allocation and management. The program also manages the state's stock route network, provides recreation facilities at state forests and water storages and coordinates, develops and manages pest animal and plant strategies.

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$ 176.298 million which is a \$52.836 million increase on the 1997-98 actual expenditure. The large increase is because the 1998-99 budget includes payments in relation to the National Heritage Trust activities, Regional Forest Agreement, Greenhouse Initiatives, Regional Landscape Strategy for South East Queensland, and the Brisbane River Management Plan. Major subprogram expenditure includes \$51.282 million for Land Management, \$27.880 million for Land Protection and \$34.355 million for Water and Catchment management.

#### **4.4. RESOURCES SCIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE**

The Resource Sciences and Knowledge program supports managers, users and communities in the sustainable use of natural resources by providing integrated science, information and knowledge products and services. The program provides knowledge bases and decision-support systems, interpretation and reporting of the condition of the state's natural resources, forecasts implications of management practices and provides expert services in science, information and related technologies.

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$33.997 million which is a \$10.922 million increase on the actual 1997-98 expenditure. The increase in expenditure is a result of changes to method of disclosure of costs recovered by the Consolidated Fund from trust funds (\$4.7m) and greater outlays on externally funded activities. This amount includes subprogram funding of \$46.163 million for Resource Sciences and Knowledge, \$5.134 million for Allocation of Corporate Services and (\$17.300 million) for Internal Service Charges.

#### **4.5. REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

The Regional Infrastructure Development Program coordinates, plans and manages water infrastructure to meet industry and community needs. The program identifies water resource development opportunities and improves the viability of rural industries and regional communities by developing water infrastructure. The program manages the water industry through its regulatory role and development and implementation of water policy. It also oversees urban water supply, sewerage, drainage and flood mitigation activities undertaken by local government. As part of its water infrastructure strategy the government is continuing the Queensland Waste Water Re-use Interim Strategy. The strategy receives base funding of \$500,000 per year, but this year will receive \$883,000. An outcome of the strategy is to promote community acceptance of various uses of waste water.<sup>13</sup>

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$168.854 million (this amount includes \$68.870 million for Intra Public Account Unrequited Transfers) which is a \$31.006 increase on the 1997-98 actual expenditure. Subprogram expenditure includes \$23.577 million for Water Industry Development, \$9.265 million for Regional Infrastructure Planning, \$49.662 million for Water Infrastructure Development, \$6.460 million for Allocation of Corporate Services and \$11.020 million for Internal Service Charges.

#### **4.6. COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICES**

The goal of the Commercial Water Services Program is to achieve increased productivity in Queensland through providing more efficient water services to customers. The program is responsible for developing and operating state owned water infrastructure. State Water projects, a commercialised unit within the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for delivering the program.

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$ 124.636 million which is a \$25.596 million increase on 1997-98 actual expenditure. This program does not have sub programs.

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<sup>13</sup> Transcript:471

**4.7. CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**

The Corporate Management Program is responsible for providing executive leadership to the department, provide advice and coordinate measures to promote best practice management and to provide business services to all programs. The program supports the director-general, Executive Management Group and staff to deliver program outcomes. It does this through delivering organisational development, corporate management, policy coordination, performance management, operational review, internal audit, legal advice, administrative review and executive and business services.

The program's estimated cost for 1998-99 is \$40.246. This includes \$7.500 million for Executive Services, \$3.300 million for Strategic Services and \$30.846 million for Business Services.

**4.8. LAND COURT AND TRIBUNALS**

The Law Courts and Tribunals Program goal is to dispose of matters coming within the Land Court's and Land Tribunals' jurisdiction in a just and equitable manner. The Land Court is a statutory court which has jurisdiction under 32 state acts. The court and the Land Appeal Court provide an appeal mechanism for land related matters.

The program's estimated total outlays for 1998-99 is \$8.836 million which is a slight increase over the 1997-98 actual expenditure. Subprogram expenditure includes \$1.950 million for the Land Court, \$.600 million for Land Tribunals, \$5.280 million for the Native Title Tribunal and \$.931 for Allocation of Corporate Services.

## **5. DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT AND RACING**

### **5.1. INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing role is to work with government departments, community organisations and peak organisations to stimulate participation, growth and social responsibility within the tourism, sport and recreation, liquor and racing industries. The department administers grants in support of the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation, Queensland Events Corporation and Gold Coast Events Pty Ltd (IndyCar).

The department's 1998-99 Consolidated Fund Budget is \$131.0 million, which is an increase of \$59.3 million on the 1997-98 budget. The total Trust Funds' budget is \$122.3 million which is a \$30.7 million increase of 1997-98 budget.

### **5.2. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

The Office of the Director-General is a new program for 1998-99 as a result of Machinery of Government changes. The program is responsible for providing legal advice, internal audit, ministerial and executive government matters, policy advice, organisational and statutory reporting, and administration of some grants. In regard to National Competition Policy, at the hearing, the minister stated that the government is about to review the Liquor Act and the Wine Industry Act. The review will look at anti-competitive behaviour to ensure there is fair and open competition within the industry. The review will also consider anti-competitive behaviour which is in the public interest. The minister expects to have a report of the review by June 1999.<sup>14</sup>

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$121.927 million. Included in this amount is \$62.797 million for tourism grants and \$56.086 million for sport and recreation.

#### **5.2.1. Tourism**

The tourism program administers grants to the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation (QTTC), Queensland Events Corporation (QEC) and the Gold Coast Events Co Pty Ltd - IndyCar (GCEC). The QTTC aims to enhance the development and marketing of Queensland tourism destinations. The QEC seeks to attract and secure major national and international events to Queensland. GCEC manages the annual IndyCar race. In response to a question from the chairman the minister outlined the economic benefits if the IndyCar race to Queensland.<sup>15</sup> The 1997 race resulted in a total impact of \$35.5 million - \$27.5 million on the Gold Coast and \$8 million in other parts of Queensland. The race assisted in maintaining 638 jobs throughout the state. Media coverage of the event continues to grow at an average annual rate of 60 per cent with the 1997 race going out to 176 countries with a potential audience of 700 million. The estimated promotional value of the 1997 race is estimated at between \$15 and \$18.1 million.

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<sup>14</sup> Transcript:435

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The program's estimated budget for 1998-99 is \$62.797 million which is an increase of \$12.125 million on the 1997-98 actual expenditure. This amount includes \$47.217 million for QTTC, \$7.580 million for QEC and \$8.000 million for GCEC.

### **5.3. LIQUOR LICENSING**

The role of the Liquor Licensing Program is to promote the development of the liquor and hospitality industries within a socially responsible framework. The program provides many services, such as, policy advice, education of liquor industry licensees, issuing liquor and wine licenses and permits, and maintaining a register of licensed premises. At the hearing the minister outlined what action the department is taking to ensure compliance with the Liquor and Wine Industry Acts during Schoolies Week. The department will<sup>16</sup>:

- mail-out to all accommodation houses on both coasts reminding them of their obligations
- send a circular to all high schools containing information on under-age drinking and the availability of the card 18 Plus
- conduct radio advertising campaigns based on 'No More. Its the law' on B105, Wild, Hot FM and Sea FM
- place advertising on the back of teller machine receipts, print adverts in the youth press and television advertising in the week prior to schoolies week.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$7.107 million which is a decrease of \$.918 million over the 1997-98 actual expenditure. This amount includes \$1.456 million for the Licensing Administration Unit, \$1.005 million for the Industry Development Unit, \$3.070 million for Investigations and Complaints and \$1.574 million for Allocation of Corporate Services.

### **5.4. RACING**

The Racing Program has three program goals. These are:

- maintain and improve control and regulatory framework responsive to both the racing industry and the wide community
- to achieve optimum standards of integrity and accountability in the racing industry
- to achieve sustainable economic growth in the racing industry.

The program is administered by the Office of Racing which works to promote the industry's growth through sound, innovative policies and programs.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$30.087 million which is an increase of \$1.164 million over the 1997-98 actual expenditure. This amount includes \$22.000 million for the Racing Development Fund Advance, \$1.420 million for the Racing Science Centre, \$2.448 million for the Racing Industry Training Centre and \$2.290 million for Financing Transactions.

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### **5.5. SPORT AND RECREATION**

The goal of the Sport and Recreation Program is to develop programs and facilities which enhance access to and improved performance in sport and recreation for all Queenslanders. The program provides such services as coordinating government and industry in the provision of sporting and recreational facilities, policy advice, ensures a whole of state approach to delivery of program services, manages the government's 12 outdoor recreation centres and assists talented athletes and coaches.

The program's estimated budget for 1998-99 is \$94.250 million which is an increase of \$42.758 over the actual 1997-98 expenditure. Major items in this amount are \$45.030 million for program development, \$29.570 million for State and Regional Development and \$4.886 million for the Queensland Academy of Sport.

### **5.6. CORPORATE SERVICES**

The goal of the Corporate Services Program is to provide efficient and effective corporate services that meet the needs of the department. The program is responsible for delivering a range of services including financial management, information technology, human resource management and administration.

The program's budget for 1998-99 is \$5.062million.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

The committee recommends that the proposed expenditures, as stated in the *Appropriation Bill 1998* for the organisational units within the portfolios referred to Estimates Committee G for examination, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

## **7. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

The committee thanks ministers and their staff for their cooperation and assistance during the estimates process.

[Original Signed]

Paul Lucas MLA  
Chairman

15 October 1998

