

Question on Notice
No. 1052
Asked on Thursday 2 September 2004

MR MALONE asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (MS DESLEY BOYLE)-

QUESTION:

For each of the State-funded grant and subsidy programs (a) Advanced Wastewater Treatment Technologies Scheme, (b) Drought Stricken Local Government Urban Water Supply Assistance Scheme, (c) Landfill Remediation Assessment Program, (d) Local Governing Bodies Capital Works Subsidy Scheme, (e) Regional Centres Program, (f) Roads and Drainage Grant, (g) Rural Living Infrastructure Program, (h) Security Improvement Program, (i) Showgrounds Capital Works Subsidy Scheme and (j) Smaller Communities Assistance Program, will she detail (reported separately) (i) the budgeted expenditure for each program for 2004-05 and 2005-06; and (ii) when each of these programs are expected to be fully allocated and final approval funding for completed projects paid out?

ANSWER:

(i) & (ii) A breakdown of this budgeted expenditure for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years in terms of individual programs is shown in the attachment. The budgeted expenditure has been determined in such a manner as being sufficient to meet expected claims for subsidy lodged by local governments for existing and anticipated new projects.

You would be aware all of the assistance programs currently administered by Local Government Services of the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation are under review. A decision on the future of the funding Programs is expected well in advance of the 30 June 2006 end date of several of these Programs.

Attachment

Program	Question (i)		Question (ii)	
	Budget 2004-05	Budget 2005-06	Fully allocated	Fully paid out
Advanced Wastewater Treatment Technologies Scheme	\$812,000	\$295,000	2005-06	2005-06
Drought Stricken Local Governments Urban Water Supply Assistance Scheme	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Landfill Remediation Assistance Program	\$504,000	Note 2	2005-06	2005-06
Local Governing Bodies Capital Works Subsidy Scheme	\$55,008,400	\$55,072,000	2005-06	Note 3
Regional Centres Program	\$24,496,000	\$9,884,000	2003-04	2006-07
Roads and Drainage Grant	\$29,655,300	\$30,397,000	2005-06	2005-06
Rural Living Infrastructure Program	\$2,947,000	Note 3	2003-04	2004-05
Security Improvement Program	\$2,259,000	\$2,000,000	2005-06	2005-06
Showgrounds Capital Works Subsidy Scheme	\$2,016,000	\$1,500,000	2005-06	Note 3
Smaller Communities Assistance Program	\$21,760,300	\$23,318,000	2004-05	2005-06

Note 1: Assistance under the scheme is ongoing and is made available to local governments based on emergency need. When required, funding for approved assistance is provided from the budget allocation for the Local Governing Bodies Capital Works Subsidy Scheme.

Note 2: 2005-06 budget allocation will depend on the level of interest shown by local governments during 2004-05.

Note 3: Extension of the Program is subject to review.