

Question on Notice
No. 555
Asked on Wednesday 19 May 2004

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Small Communities Assistance Program, Regional Centres Program and Landfill Remediation Assessment Program–

- (1) Will she detail the budgeted and actual expenditure for the above programs since 2001-02 and including the year to date?
- (2) Will she confirm that existing levels of funding will continue for these programs in 2004-05?

ANSWER:

(1) Expenditure figures (budget and actual) since 2001-02 follow. It should be noted that funding is not restricted to a specific amount each year, rather it is expended as applications are received and projects finalised during the multi-year life of the programs.

a.	<u>Smaller Communities Assistance Program</u>		
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	2001/02-2003/04	\$68,829,500*	\$41,706,703**
b.	<u>Regional Centres Program</u>		
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	2001/02-2003/04	\$57,268,200*	\$42,544,095**
c.	<u>Landfill Remediation Assessment Program</u>		
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	2001/02-2003/04	\$1,192,100*	\$1,103,242**

* *Budgeted amounts are based on information provided by Councils each year on projected expenditure for projects. Where Council projects are delayed, or completed in a subsequent year, actual expenditure by Councils is usually less than initially projected by Councils.*

** *2003/04 - estimated year to date expenditure*

(2) The Smaller Communities Assistance Program, was introduced in 1996/97 with a budget of \$150M over 10 years. This program has been fully allocated and final approval funding for completed projects will be paid out in 2004/05.

The Regional Centres Program was introduced in 2000/01 with a budget of \$50M. A further \$50M for the Program was announced in 2003/04. This program has been fully allocated and final approval funding for completed projects will be paid out in 2004/05.

A budget of \$7.5M was provided under the Landfill Remediation Assessment Program. To date, approximately \$2.4M has been committed. Expressions of Interest will be invited during 2004-2005 for further eligible projects.