

**Question on Notice
No. 610
Asked on Friday 21 April 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding expended at the discretion of the Minister or Chief Executive Officer for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately)—

- (1) Will she provide details of all items of expenditure from such fund/s including (a) the reason for expenditure, (b) total amount of expenditure on each occasion, (c) the date that each item of expenditure was approved and (d) the person/s responsible for approval of the expenditure?
- (2) What is the uncommitted balance of these funds at present?

ANSWER:

Environment portfolio

The Environmental Protection Agency does not provide for any reserve, contingency or emergency fund for use by either the Minister or Chief Executive Officer.

All funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency by Parliament are fully allocated to the operational units within the Agency to fund the Agency's outputs, namely, protect our natural and cultural heritage, promote sustainable use of our natural capital, and maintain a clean environment.

Local Government and Planning, and Women portfolio

The Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation maintain a funding reserve for allocation by the Director-General. This reserve was established at the commencement of the 2005-2006 financial year with a balance of \$610,000. This funding provides for emergent issues that further the strategic directions of the Department to be funded as they arise during the year.

As at 8 May 2006 the reserve had committed funding of \$269K with a further \$341K yet to be allocated.

The following table provides details of the funding and projects allocated to date.

Director-General Reserve		
Description	Date Approved	Amount \$'000's
Secondment of officer to undertake Organisational Review in 2005	Dec-05	43
Swimming Pool Fence Review	Jul-05	65
Departmental contributions to the ANZSOG (Australia and New Zealand School of Government) and Asia Pacific Cities Summit	-	18
Departmental contribution to the Cluster Project Officer Position (AO5) for the Land and Resource Cluster	Mar-06	9
Departmental contribution to CEO Forum conducted by ANZSOG	-	4
Departmental contribution to Senior Officers Business Improvement Network	Feb-06	20
Contribution to the development of the Gulf Regional Development Plan	Mar-06	100
Contribution towards the Coen Justice Group	May-06	10
Total Allocated		269
Total Funding Available		610
Unallocated Funding		341