

Question on Notice

No. 172

Asked on 9 March 2011

MR HOBBS asked the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

With reference to all grant and subsidy programs administered by the department which relate to local government—

- (1) What is the budgeted and actual expenditure for each program administered for 2008-09, 2009-10 and the budgeted expenditure for 2010-11 and the actual expenditure to date for 2011 (reported separately by program)?
- (2) What programs have concluded the funding cycle or are one-offs?
- (3) What expenditure has been incurred by any machinery-of-government changes and the explanation for this expenditure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for his question.

The attached table provides specific details of budget and expenditure for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years, reported separately for each program. Details of the programs which have concluded funding or represent once-off programs are also provided.

In relation to the request for 2008-09 budget and expenditure, I refer the Honourable member to the response to Question on Notice 130, of 11 February 2010.

Regarding the third question seeking details of expenditure incurred through any machinery-of-government changes in relation to grant and subsidy programs, I have been advised that there has been no expenditure incurred which can be directly attributed to these changes.

Local Government Grants and Subsidies, Department of Local Government and Planning

Funding program	Note	2009-10 Published Budget (\$'000)	2009-10 Actual Expenditure (\$'000)	2010-11 Published Budget (\$'000)	2010-11 Expenditure as at 17/3/11 (\$'000)	Concluded or One Off	
Amalgamation Costs		-	10,720	-	-	C	O
Animal Management		-	67	-	-	C	O
Bundaberg Regional Airport Upgrade		-	-	-	2,160		O
Cassowary Coast Priority Projects		-	-	13,700	1,370		O
Environmental Health Worker Program		2,322	2,495	2,322	546		
Environmental Infrastructure Program		5,240	3,726	10,214	6,536	C	
Environmental Infrastructure Research Program		385	574	-	-	C	
Financial Assistance Grants - General Purpose Grant		267,350	272,616	281,340	164,239		
Financial Assistance Grants - Identified Road Grant		110,490	112,555	116,356	67,852		
Flinders Street Mall		18,900	3,780	13,230	4,725		O
Fluoridation Capital Assistance Program		9,000	4,687	19,650	4,271		
Gatton Arts & Cultural Centre		-	8,000	-	-	C	O
Greening Mt Isa - Regional Centres Program		-	494	-	97		
Heavy Equipment Management Training Program		-	547	-	282		
Increased Water & Sewerage Subsidies	1	9,014	1,153	-	112	C	O
Indigenous Economic Development Grant		1,440	1,400	1,440	1,160		
Jezzine Barracks		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		
Johnstone Shire Cyclone Larry Recovery	2	1,700	969	-	241	C	O
Landfill Remediation Assessment Program		128	97	16	33	C	
Major Infrastructure Program – Torres Strait – Round 4		14,500	14,000	14,500	10,500	C	
Mary Valley Heritage Railway		-	70	-	-	C	O
Moranbah Town Water Supply Agreement		100	-	105	-		O
Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements		170,000	260,870	188,500	216,649		
Oakey Borefields		-	1,365	-	-	C	
Priority Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Program	3	-	-	31,300	3,034		
Q150 Legacy Infrastructure Program	4	20,000	27,418	-	734	C	
Regional Centres Program	5	5,425	8,768	1,500	148	C	
Regional Flood Mitigation Program (State & C/Wealth)	6	-	2,983	-	553	C	
Revenue Replacement		4,525	3,525	3,525	2,388		

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Program							
Rural Living Infrastructure Program	7	7,057	7,105	4,082	3,826	C	
Security Improvement Program	8	1,046	962	63	145	C	
Shoreline Erosion Management Program	9	-	159	-	34	C	
Show Society Grant		-	2,006	2,000	1,983		
Smaller Communities Assistance Program	10	36,302	24,092	7,468	952	C	
Springfield Town Centre		266	199	228	121		O
State Government Financial Aid		31,250	30,686	32,330	22,078		
Subsidies Local Government Bodies - Other		1,645	2,667	339	3,457	C	
Toowoomba Aerodrome Upgrade		-	-	-	1,060		O
Torres Strait Amalgamation Costs		-	-	7,581	3,000		O
Urban Drought Water Program		6,944	6,809	-	-	C	
Water & Sewerage Program	11	126,472	216,653	110,005	46,543	C	

I am advised that variances between budgeted and actual expenditure resulted from projects that, for example, may have been delayed (due to weather or contractor availability), delivered ahead of schedule, where councils resolved not to accept funding, or lapsed due to non-compliance of departmental timeframes and/or funding guidelines.

In relation to NDRRA payments which are ongoing, I refer you to my answer to your Question on Notice No. 158, where I outlined the amount of funding approved by myself since I became Minister for Local Government on 21 February 2011.