Question on Notice

No. 96

Asked on 17 February 2011

MRS STUCKEY ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MR FRASER)—

With reference to the announcement of a rationalisation of programs in DEEDI (as contained on page 5 of the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Review)—

(1) How was the estimate of an annual saving of $20m arrived at and what percentage of the total expenditure on DEEDI's 110 programs does this represent?
(2) Which programs have been identified for cuts to date and what was the original stated purpose of these programs?

ANSWER:

(1) Since March 2009 the amalgamation of nine separate entities has provided capacity to rationalise the significant grant portfolio administered by the department. As noted in the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Review, a review is to be conducted of DEED's 110 programs to identify duplication and overlap. It is anticipated the rationalisation of programs will deliver annual savings of $20 million from 2012-2013. That saving from efficiencies represents 6.9% of the total expenditure on DEEDI's programs.

(2) The purpose of the review is to identify opportunities for rationalisation of programs.

Further information will be available in the 2011-12 State Budget.