

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

7th Assembly

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156. Cuts to Legislative Assembly Committees Budget

Ms. HICKEY to MINISTER for CHIEF MINISTER

QUESTION

1. What is the explanation for the 37% cuts, which equates to \$252,000 cuts to the Legislative Assembly's Committees budget in 1996/97.

ANSWER

Answered on 14/02/97

Final allocation to Program Committees in the 1996/97 Department of the Legislative Assembly budget is \$425 700, a reduction of \$183 300 or 30% on the 1995/96 allocation of \$609 000. The figure of 37% in the question is apparently derived from comparing the 1996/97 allocation with the actual expenditure in 1995/96 of \$677 882.

The allocation to the Committees program in the 1996-97 Budget was considered adequate for the purposes described at pp 26-27 of Budget Paper No. 2 Part 1, in the context of the Government's priorities.