

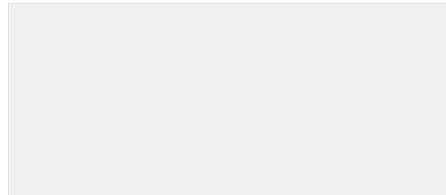
Question No : 317

Question : Work Health Authority Budget

Question Date : 23/11/93

Member : Mr PARISH

To : MINISTER for WORK HEALTH and TERRITORY INSURANCE



1. Has the Executive and Policy Budget been increased by \$161 000; if so, why.
2. Have staff numbers in the Executive and Policy Unit been decreased by 2; if so, why.
3. Were 1992-93 receipts from taxes, fees and fines 42% less than budgeted for; if so, why.
4. Has there been a 64% increase in receipts from taxes, fees and fines budgeted for 1993-94; if so, why.
5. How many prosecutions were -
 - (a) instituted in 1992-93; and
 - (b) concluded in 1992-93,including cases carried over from 1991-92.
6. What was the employment injury incident rate for 1992-93.
7. What was the consolidated profit or loss outcome for all workers' compensation insurers in 1992-93.
8. How many audits of compulsory insurance were conducted in 1992-93 by -
 - (a) Northern Territory taxes office;
 - (b) private firms; and
 - (c) Work Health Authority officers.
9. What was the average cost per audit in each of the following categories -
 - (a) Northern Territory taxes office;

- (b) private firms; and
- (c) Work Health Authority officers.

10. Has the Operations Budget been reduced by \$112 000; if so, why.

ANSWER

1. The 2 primary factors influencing the increase of \$161 000 were -

- (a) Transfer of salary for 1 position (education coordinator) from Operators Program \$45 000; and
- (b) Property management increase of \$127 000 for electricity expenses which have been devolved to agencies commencing 1993-94.

2. The figures shown in last year's budget paper were incorrect. Shown as Executive and Policy 18, Operations 37, total 55; whereas it should have read Executive and Policy 15, Operations 37, total 52.

The transfer of the education coordinator's position from Operations increases the total in Executive and Policy to 16 for 1993-94, being an increase of 1 over the previous year.

3. The difference between budget and actual revenue was due to the later than anticipated commencement of the new occupational health and safety regulations (24.12.92) which changed the charging regime for licensing and inspection services.

4. The anticipated increase in revenue is based on a projected full first year effect of the new charging regime which will of course, be monitored during the year.

- 5. (a) 3; and
- (b) 3.

6. 69.08 per 1000.

7. Profit declared by insurers was \$72 217.

- 8. (a) 5;
- (b) Nil; and
- (c) Nil.

- 9. (a) Nil (to WHA);
- (b) Nil; and

(c) Nil.

10. The 2 primary factors contributing to the reduction were -

- (a) The transfer of 1 position (education coordinator) - Salary \$45 000 to the Executive and Policy Program; and
- (b) One less pay period in this financial year approximately \$60 000. (26 pays in 1993-94 instead of 27 in 1992-93).