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**TREASURER FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2011-2012 (No. 2)

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Questions**

In relation to: Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate

MS LE COUTEUR: What is the reason for the reduction in funding for Output 1.2 – Public Sector Management \$381,000? (p. 51)

Treasurer - The answer to the Chair's question is as follows:

I am advised the funding (Government Payment for Outputs) for Output Class 1.2: 'Public Sector Management' reduced by \$342,000 due to the revised funding profile for the ACTPS Workers' Compensation and Work Safety Improvement Plan (\$363,000). This was offset by the Output 1.2 share of funding relating to the Revised Wage Parameters (\$21,000).

The \$381,000 reduction in Total Costs for Output 1.2: 'Public Sector Management' results from revising the funding profile for the ACTPS Workers' Compensation and Work Safety Improvement Plan (\$363,000); and the depreciation impact associated with the revision to the funding profile for the Injury Prevention and Management Information System (\$64,000). This was offset by the Output 1.2 share of costs associated with the Revised Wage Parameters (\$46,000).

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In relation to: Health Directorate

2. MS LE COUTEUR: What is the explanation of the \$36 million in rollovers for so many projects? (pp.67-68)

3. MS LE COUTEUR: What is the basis for deferral of funding for so many projects? (pp.68)

Treasurer - The answer to the Chair's question is as follows:

2. I am advised that rollovers of \$36 million relates to a number of Health Infrastructure Program capital works and capital upgrades projects and are necessary to ensure funding is available in 2011-12 or 2012-13 for projects previously Appropriated following variations in the original estimated cashflows.

3. The Section 16B Instrument under the *Financial Management Act 1996*, tabled in the Assembly on 21 February 2012, provides the details of these rollovers.

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In relation to: Economic Development Directorate

4. MS LE COUTEUR: What is the reason for the reprofiling of listed projects (with the exception of the deferral of \$0.6m for Australia Forum which was answered at the public hearing)? (pp. 163-164)

Treasurer - The answer to the Chair's question is as follows:

4. The re-profiling of the Economic Development Directorate's capital works was to respond to:

- changes in timeframes caused by a longer than expected approval process for the Molonglo NES plan by the Commonwealth;
- the outcomes of value management workshops on major road and infrastructure projects and subsequent amendment of project designs;
- community engagement on public facility works;
- unexpected findings of contaminants on sites where works were to be undertaken; and
- a higher than usual number of days delay due to weather conditions.

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In relation to: Economic Development Directorate

5. MS LE COUTEUR: What are the reasons for the reduction in funds for Output 1.1-Land Policy and Infrastructure Delivery and Output 1.4-Sport and Recreation? (p.165)

Treasurer - The answer to the Chair's question is as follows:

5. The reduction in funding for Output 1.1 of \$0.675 million comprised funds transferred to Territory and Municipal Services Directorate of \$0.702 million (being for functions carried out by the Property Group) offset by revised wage parameters of \$0.027 million.

The reduction in funding for output 1.4 of \$1.839 million comprised revisions in expected timing of expenditure in the Lyneham Precinct for the Regional Tennis and Sports Centre Stage 2 of \$2.5 million and the Lyneham Sports Precinct Development Stage 1 of \$1.5 million offset by a transfer from Capital Injection to GPO of \$2.1 million for the Multi Use Indoor Community Facility and Men's Shed, a transfer from Territory and Municipal Services Directorate of \$0.019 million and revised wage parameters of \$0.042 million.

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In relation to: Justice and Community Safety Directorate (pp. 179-202)

6. MS LE COUTEUR: What is the reason for deferral of the following significant projects:

- **ESA station relocation project; and**
- **Working with vulnerable people checks?**

Treasurer - The answer to the Chair's question is as follows:

6. I am advised that:

- **ESA Station Relocation Project**

Now that specific sites have been identified, completion of Phase 1 of this project has been adjusted to account for required Territory Plan variations. Design to Final Sketch Plan stage for the proposed Charnwood site will be completed in 2011-12, with Final Sketch Plan design work for remaining Phase 1 sites to be completed in 2012-13.

- **Working with Vulnerable People Checks**

This project was dependent on passage of legislation. This was passed in November 2011. The Scheme is due to commence in November 2012 with final invoices to be received in 2012-13 to complete the project.

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In relation to: Environmental and Sustainable Development Directorate

7. MS LE COUTEUR: What are the reasons for the deferral of listed projects? (p. 204)

8. MS LE COUTEUR: What is the reason for the reduction in funding for Output 1.4-Sustainable planning? (p. 205)

Treasurer - The answer to the Chair's question is as follows:

7. I am advised that the reasons for the deferral and rollover of funding for listed projects by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate are for the following:

Project	2011-12 Rollover	Reason
Inner North Stormwater Reticulation Network	(6,000)	The construction was delayed while the scope of the contract was negotiated with the successful tenderer.
City Bus Layover and City Bus Interchange Feasibility Study	(350)	Complexities in finalising the transfer of funding from TAMS to ESDD caused delays in the project.
ACT Strategic Cycle Network Plan	(100)	Complexities in finalising the transfer of funding from TAMS to ESDD caused delays in the project.
Gungahlin to City Transit Corridor	(1,250)	Complexities in finalising the transfer of funding from TAMS to ESDD caused delays in the project.
Dickson Major Bus Station	(200)	Complexities in finalising the transfer of funding from TAMS to ESDD caused delays in the project.
Canberra Integrated Urban Water Program	(250)	The consultant focused on an aspect of the project being completed by another Directorate before starting ESDD design works.
North Weston/Molonglo Stormwater Harvesting Scheme	(4,750)	Contaminants and unsuitable material found at the site resulted in the redesign the pond.
The Valley Ponds and Stormwater Harvesting Scheme	(3,500)	Construction was delayed due to issues surrounding site access, which have now been resolved.

8. I am advised that the reductions in funding for Output 1.4 relate to the following:

	GPO \$'000	Cost \$'000
Administrative arrangement transfer from TAMS	622	622
Revised Wage Parameters	132	364
Feasibility study rollovers into 2012-13	(2,577)	(2,577)
	(1,823)	(1,591)

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