



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ESTIMATES 2018

Committee 'A'

**ESTIMATES OF THE
HON PETER GUTWEIN MP**

**Treasurer
Minister for State Growth
Minister for Local Government**



REPORT

TREASURER

DIVISION 12

Department of Treasury and Finance

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Treasury and Finance, Hon Peter Gutwein, MP on Monday 25 June 2018.

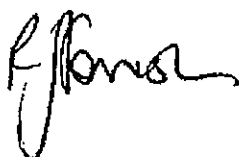
The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 1 – Financial and Resource Management Services	
1.1 Budget Development and Management	RECOMMENDED
1.2 Financial Management and Accounting Services	RECOMMENDED
1.3 Shareholder Advice on Government Businesses	FURTHER DEBATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How much is the deposit regarding TT Line, Budget Paper page 90? (RF)• Regarding the Mersey money, has interest been earned on account? What is the estimated balance of account as at 30 June 2018? What are current rate of earnings now and what would they be? Will it allow account to last 10 years? (RF)
1.4 Government Property and Accommodation Services	FURTHER DEBATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will there be electric charge points for car park below the current building. (RV)

Output Group 2 – Economic and Fiscal Policy Advice	
2.1 Economic Policy Advice	<p style="text-align: center;">FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the KPMG report, how will the change to needs based funding model be funded (JW) • Provide Tasmanian participation rates per region for the past 4 years. (RF)
2.2 Regulatory Policy	<p style="text-align: center;">FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to the Future Gaming Market implementation, what action has been taken regarding each of the 23 recommendations, and why is there no line item in the 21-22 Forward Financials 'Future Gaming Market Implementation' page 332? (MG) • There is increase in payroll tax in the P&P Statement. Yet the cost of measures we received last Thursday showed reductions in the payroll tax of \$40m due to the new 4% rate and extension of the rebate scheme to apprentices. What is the explanation for this? (RF) • The Table on page 85 shows the cost of the payroll tax threshold has fallen, how is this calculated? (noting there are 2 thresholds - \$1.25 m and \$2m) (RF)
2.3 Intergovernmental Financial Matters	<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDED</p>
Output Group 3 – Revenue, Superannuation and Regulatory Management Services	
3.1 Tax Administration and Revenue Collection	<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDED</p>

3.2	Regulation and Administration of Liquor and Gaming	RECOMMENDED
3.4	Office of the Superannuation Commission	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 4 – Community Assistance		
4.1	Bass Strait Islands Community Service Obligation	RECOMMENDED
4.2	Public Trustee Community Service Obligation	RECOMMENDED
Capital Investment Program		RECOMMENDED

The Committee further recommends that the Report, together with the minutes and the additional information requested by the Committee, and the transcripts be tabled.



HON RUTH FORREST MLC
Chair



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TREASURER

DIVISION 3 Finance-General

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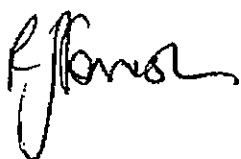
Output Group 1 - Debt Servicing and Management	
1.1 Debt Servicing	RECOMMENDED
1.2 Interest on Sundry Deposits	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 2 - Employee Related Costs	
2.1 Superannuation and Pensions	RECOMMENDED
2.3 Provision for 27 th Pay	RECOMMENDED

Output Group 3 – Government Businesses	
3.1 Sustainable Timber Tasmania	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the cost of firefighting, and how much extra was required? (RF)
3.2 State Fire Commission	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
3.4 Government Businesses	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much principal was paid looking after the TasRacing debt? (RF) • In relation to Budget Paper 1 page 143, please provide a breakdown of the financial and non-financial borrowings for all Government businesses. (RF)
Output Group 4 – Miscellaneous	
4.3 Miscellaneous	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a breakdown regarding cycling strategy – where has \$3.1m been spent. (RV) • Last years' expenses for the Tasmanian Risk Management Fund was \$69.4m. What's to EO for this line item? (RF) • The commentary on page 93 says property claims are still being recovered. How much are these? (RF) • Budget Paper 1 page 131 shows the level of receivables is the same every year. This information only addresses the financial position at year end not the transactions throughout the year. Would it be possible to provide more details on estimated transactions, showing the contributions for the various types, W/C

	<p>medical liability etc. and the estimated outlays. The table on page 131 does not tell us much. (RF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the TRMF at the end of Fes at 30th June 2022 there will be, or supposed to be \$291m cash in the account. How much annual cash will there be in GG? In other words, the GG statement of financial position on page 51 says there will be \$877m cash in GG. But if you subtract the overnight loan proceeds, how much cash will there be? (RF)
4.4 Payment to Australian Tax Office: GST Administration	RECOMMENDED
4.7 Property Management Services	RECOMMENDED
4.8 Infrastructure Investment Project Planning	RECOMMENDED
Grants and Subsidies	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide detail of the Grants and Subsidies provided under this appropriation. Please detail what is underlying the 30% reduction in the appropriation during the 2018/19 and then the resumption of the appropriation to around \$150m in the out years. (RV) • Local Government grants \$45m in 18/19 down from \$77.2m 17/18 mostly due to \$36.8m entitlements paid to councils 17/18 — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) What was this entitlement for? (b) What is the EO for 17/18 seeing as budget said \$77m. Why the large increases from

	<p>19/20 onwards? (RF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding Australian Government funding, what are the large amounts in the next 2 years? (RF) • Are the costs of TasWater proposals included in this budget? If so, where? (RF) • How and where will funds be recorded — will they be equity contributions? They are mentioned in Treasury and Finance – the footnote on page 332 of the BP says it will be funded by FG – So where is it? (RF)
Capital Investment Program	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please outline the benefits to the Tasmanian economy of the investments made under Project Unify. (RV) • Given this is identified as an ongoing capital investment, please outline the Performance indicators associated with the Priority Expenditure Program to ensure that benefits continue to flow from this program. (RV)

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DIVISION 5 Department of Justice

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Justice, Hon Peter Gutwein, MP on Monday 25 June 2018.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 1 – Administration of Justice	
1.9 Tasmanian Industrial Commission	RECOMMENDED

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DIVISION 8/BILL NO 2 TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Tasmanian Audit Office, Hon Peter Gutwein, MP on Monday 25 June 2018.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Group and makes the following recommendation:

Output Group 1 – Public Sector Management and Accountability	
1.1 Public Sector Management and Accountability	RECOMMENDED

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REPORT

MINISTER FOR STATE GROWTH

DIVISION 10

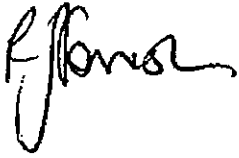
Department of State Growth

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of State Growth, Hon Peter Gutwein MP on Monday 25 June 2018.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 1 – Industry, Skills Development and Business Growth	
1.1 Coordinator-General	FURTHER DEBATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the State Government funding any concessions to business or industry, such as payroll tax or duty relief? (RV)
1.2 Industry and Business Development	FURTHER DEBATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In relation to footnote 8, please provide a breakdown of figures regarding completed programs and some indication of timing. (KF)• Why don't they include apprentice and trainee completion in performance information? What are they basing targets off for the increase in commencements? Are we on track for the number of trainees in training for this current year? (JW)• How much money was paid to the ICC to get the cricket and what is the business case for expected return on investment? (MG)

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MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DIVISION 8 Department of Premier and Cabinet

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The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Group and makes the following recommendation:

Output Group 6 – Local Government	
6.1 Local Government	FURTHER DEBATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Was there any formalized communication between the Commissioner and the new Major? (JW)

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