### **Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** REGIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM

**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTIONS

### **QUESTION No.AI-16**

#### Senator McLucas asked:

Regarding the \$90,000 grant made under the Regional Tourism Program to GG & HR Kuhn, trading as Mowbray Falls Enviropark, has the grant been drawn down?

#### **ANSWER**

Fifty per cent of the grant was drawn down and paid to the organisation. The remaining amount, which was not paid, was retained by the Department pending satisfactory progress of the project.

### **QUESTION No.AI-17**

#### Senator McLucas asked:

Has the grant been applied to the project?

### **ANSWER**

No, see response to Question AI-18.

### **QUESTION No.AI-18**

### Senator McLucas asked:

What is the status of the project – has it begun, is it partly completed, or has it been completed?

#### **ANSWER**

The grant was terminated on 15 June 2005 as the organisation could not comply with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. The entire drawn down amount, plus interest, was repaid to the Department. The Department is not in a position to comment on the current status of the project.

# **QUESTION No.AI-19**

#### **Senator McLucas** asked:

Under the funding agreement, is there any timeline for the start and completion of the project?

#### **ANSWER**

Yes.