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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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How much has the department spent on the myregion.gov.au website?

How much do you expect to spend to the end of the financial year?

Answer:

The myregion website has been allocated \$1.9 million in funding for the 2011-12 financial year. Within this funding allocation, the Department has spent \$486,693 on the myregion website to 14 October 2011, including website design and development, hosting, testing, the myregion photo competition, training and operations, and recruitment.

The \$1.4 million remaining to the end of the 2011-12 financial year will be spent on the phase 2 build of the website and ongoing maintenance. The design, development and deployment of phase 2 of the website will enhance the user interface and experience; enhance data availability and query capacity; improve visualisation; and enhance security. Ongoing operational costs will include staff costs (to keep information on the site up to date, moderate content and enhance functionality) and operational costs such as hosting.