

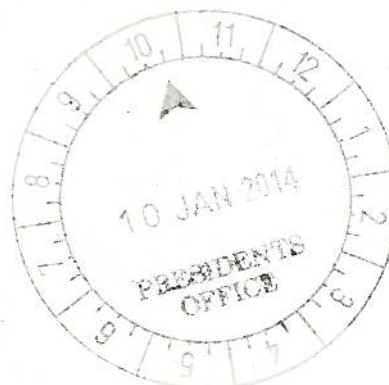


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Senator the Hon John Hogg
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Dear Senator

I refer to the attached Answer to Question 95 which this Department provided to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 23 May 2013.

As a result of a recent data search we found the expenditure amounts for the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme for financial years 1997-98 (\$30.0 million) and 1998-99 (\$28.7 million) were incomplete because the Scheme was administered by two portfolios during those periods as a result of machinery of government arrangements. The Scheme was transferred from the Department of Transport and Regional Development to the Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business on 9 October 1997. It was then transferred from the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business to the Department of Transport and Regional Services on 21 October 1998.

The complete figures are:

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| 1997-98 | \$41.4 million |
| 1998-99 | \$41.8 million |

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this amendment.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Wilson

9 January 2014

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Question no.: 95

Program: 2.2

Division/Agency: (STP) Surface Transport Policy

Topic: Historical Expenditure – Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme

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Senator WHISH-WILSON asked:

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can I get on notice a list of the historical expenditures that the government has put into the freight equalisation scheme since it started?

Ms Zielke: I can provide you with that now.

Mr Mrdak: We can give you some years. It goes back to the mid-70s, but we can give you some details now.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you.

Ms Zielke: Just quickly, 2008-09, \$109.4 million; 2009-10, \$98.3 million; 2010-11, \$98.54 million; 2011-12, \$93.23 million.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: If I could get the other time series since it started that would be fantastic as well. There was an eclectic bunch of characters here last week doing some lobbying that call themselves the National Sea Highway Coalition. I do not know if they met the Minister. They have been coming in one form or another for 20 years. Are you familiar with the concept of what they are proposing?

Answer:

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme expenditure since introduction on 1 July 1976.

| Financial Year | Expenditure (millions) |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 1976-77 | \$16.4 |
| 1977-78 | \$20.9 |
| 1978-79 | \$24.7 |
| 1979-80 | \$27.6 |
| 1980-81 | \$29.5 |
| 1981-82 | \$29.4 |
| 1982-83 | \$27.3 |
| 1983-84 | \$29.3 |
| 1984-85 | \$30.1 |
| 1985-86 | \$27.5 |
| 1986-87 | \$27.5 |
| 1987-88 | \$28.0 |
| 1988-89 | \$34.4 |
| 1989-90 | \$36.5 |
| 1990-91 | \$32.8 |
| 1991-92 | \$32.7 |
| 1992-93 | \$33.0 |
| 1993-94 | \$37.7 |

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| Financial Year | Expenditure |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1994-95 | \$39.5 |
| 1995-96 | \$42.7 |
| 1996-97 | \$41.2 |
| 1997-98 | \$30.0 |
| 1998-99 | \$28.7 |
| 1999-00 | \$61.2 |
| 2000-01 | \$68.8 |
| 2001-02 | \$71.9 |
| 2002-03 | \$77.2 |
| 2003-04 | \$83.6 |
| 2004-05 | \$90.0 |
| 2005-06 | \$92.3 |
| 2006-07 | \$89.6 |
| 2007-08 | \$101.3 |
| 2008-09 | \$109.4 |
| 2009-10 | \$98.3 |
| 2010-11 | \$98.5 |
| 2011-12 | \$93.2 |