

Statement of Certification

Certification of Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2011

The accompanying financial statements of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the financial year ending 30 June 2011 and the financial position as at 30 June 2011.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



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5 August 2011



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5 August 2011

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2011

| | Note | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|------------|------------------|------------------|
| COST OF SERVICES | | | |
| Expenses | | | |
| Employee benefits expense | <u>6.</u> | 5,709,530 | 5,028,391 |
| Supplies and services | <u>7.</u> | 1,004,258 | 982,862 |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | <u>8.</u> | 180,678 | 192,616 |
| Accommodation expenses | <u>9.</u> | 812,271 | 737,327 |
| Other expenses | <u>10.</u> | 24,693 | 24,278 |
| Total cost of services | | 7,731,430 | 6,965,474 |
| Income | | | |
| <i>Revenue</i> | | | |
| Other revenue | <u>11.</u> | 1,656,686 | 953,475 |
| Total Revenue | | 1,656,686 | 953,475 |
| Total income other than income from State Government | | 1,656,686 | 953,475 |
| NET COST OF SERVICES | | 6,074,744 | 6,011,999 |
| Income from State Government | | | |
| | <u>12.</u> | | |
| Service appropriation | | 6,348,000 | 5,753,000 |
| Resources received free of charge | | 176,883 | 106,231 |
| Total income from State Government | | 6,524,883 | 5,859,231 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD | | 450,139 | (152,768) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | | | |
| | | - | - |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD | | 450,139 | (152,768) |

The Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2011

| | Note | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | <u>22.</u> | 861,019 | 447,023 |
| Receivables | <u>14.</u> | 88,849 | 180,126 |
| Amounts receivable for services | <u>15.</u> | 125,000 | 87,000 |
| Total Current Assets | | 1,074,868 | 714,149 |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | <u>13. 22.</u> | 115,169 | 86,271 |
| Amounts receivable for services | <u>15.</u> | 1,744,000 | 1,445,000 |
| Plant and equipment | <u>16.</u> | 679,453 | 674,383 |
| Intangible assets | <u>17.</u> | 85,731 | 81,166 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 2,624,353 | 2,286,820 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 3,699,221 | 3,000,969 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Payables | <u>19.</u> | 440,045 | 315,708 |
| Provisions | <u>20.</u> | 1,180,468 | 1,081,805 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 1,620,513 | 1,397,513 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | |
| Provisions | <u>20.</u> | 327,594 | 302,481 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | | 327,594 | 302,481 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 1,948,107 | 1,699,994 |
| NET ASSETS | | 1,751,114 | 1,300,975 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| | <u>21.</u> | | |
| Contributed equity | | 930,000 | 930,000 |
| Accumulated surplus/(deficit) | | 821,114 | 370,975 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 1,751,114 | 1,300,975 |

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2011

| | Note | Contributed equity | Reserves | Accumulated surplus/ (deficit) | Total equity |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2008 | | 732,000 | - | 606,070 | 1,338,070 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | - | - | (82,327) | (82,327) |
| Restated balance at 1 July 2008 | | 732,000 | - | 523,743 | 1,255,743 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | - | - | - | - |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners | | | | | |
| Capital appropriations | | 198,000 | - | - | 198,000 |
| Other contributions by owners | | - | - | - | - |
| Distributions to owners | | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | 198,000 | - | - | 198,000 |
| Balance at 30 June 2009 | | 930,000 | - | 523,743 | 1,453,743 |
| Changes in accounting policy or correction of prior period errors | | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at 1 July 2009 | 21. | 930,000 | - | 523,743 | 1,453,743 |
| Total | | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at 30 June 2010 | | 930,000 | - | 370,975 | 1,300,975 |
| Balance at 1 July 2010 | | 930,000 | - | 370,975 | 1,300,975 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | - | - | 450,139 | 450,139 |
| Balance at 30 June 2011 | | 930,000 | - | 821,114 | 1,751,114 |

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flow

For the year ended 30 June 2011

| | Note | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM STATE GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Service appropriation | | 5,924,000 | 5,254,000 |
| Holding account drawdowns | | 87,000 | 67,000 |
| Net cash provided by State Government | | 6,011,000 | 5,321,000 |
| Utilised as follows: | | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payments | | | |
| Employee benefits | | (5,516,621) | (4,716,300) |
| Supplies and services | | (769,716) | (975,169) |
| Accommodation | | (799,681) | (737,328) |
| GST payments on purchases | | (202,466) | (185,285) |
| GST payments to taxation authority | | - | (85,986) |
| Other payments | | (24,694) | (24,278) |
| Receipts | | | |
| User charges and fees | | 1,649,246 | 1,254,492 |
| GST receipts on sales | | 206,544 | 129,023 |
| GST receipts from taxation authority | | 38,143 | 142,315 |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | 22. | (5,419,245) | (5,198,516) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payments | | | |
| Purchase of non-current physical assets | | (148,861) | (62,258) |
| Receipts | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of non-current physical assets | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities | | (148,861) | (62,258) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | 442,894 | 60,226 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period | | 533,294 | 473,068 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD | 22. | 976,188 | 533,294 |

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Consolidated Account Appropriations and Income Estimates

For the year ended 30 June 2011

| | 2011 Estimate \$ | 2011 Actual \$ | Variance \$ | 2011 Actual \$ | 2010 Actual \$ | Variance \$ |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <u>Delivery Services</u> | | | | | | |
| Item 4 Net amount appropriated to deliver services | 4,871,000 | 5,795,000 | 924,000 | 5,795,000 | 5,217,000 | 578,000 |
| Amount Authorised by Other Statutes | | | | | | |
| - <i>Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971</i> | 553,000 | 553,000 | - | 553,000 | 536,000 | 17,000 |
| Total appropriations provided to deliver services | 5,424,000 | 6,348,000 | 924,000 | 6,348,000 | 5,753,000 | 595,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 5,424,000 | 6,348,000 | 924,000 | 6,348,000 | 5,753,000 | 595,000 |
| <u>Details of Expenses by Service</u> | | | | | | |
| Resolving complaints about decision making of public authorities and improving the standard of public administration | 6,390,000 | 7,731,430 | 1,341,430 | 7,731,430 | 6,965,474 | 765,956 |
| Total Cost of Services | 6,390,000 | 7,731,430 | 1,341,430 | 7,731,430 | 6,965,474 | 765,956 |
| Less Total Income | (921,000) | (1,656,686) | (735,686) | (1,656,686) | (953,475) | (703,211) |
| Net Cost of Services | 5,469,000 | 6,074,744 | 605,744 | 6,074,744 | 6,011,999 | 62,745 |
| Adjustment ^(a) | (45,000) | 273,256 | 318,256 | 273,256 | (258,999) | 532,255 |
| Total appropriations provided to deliver services | 5,424,000 | 6,348,000 | 924,000 | 6,348,000 | 5,753,000 | 595,000 |
| <u>Capital Expenditure</u> | | | | | | |
| Purchase of non-current physical assets | 87,000 | 148,861 | 61,861 | 148,861 | 62,258 | 86,603 |
| Adjustments for other funding sources | (87,000) | (148,861) | (61,861) | (148,861) | (62,258) | (86,603) |
| Capital appropriations | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Adjustments comprise movements in cash balances and other accrual items such as receivables, payables and superannuation. [Note 27 'Explanatory statement'](#) provides details of any significant variations between estimates and actual results for 2010 and between the actual results for 2010 and 2011.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1. Australian Accounting Standards

General

The office's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2011 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. The term 'Australian Accounting Standards' includes Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

The office has adopted any applicable new and revised Australian Accounting Standards from their operative dates.

Early adoption of standards

The office cannot early adopt an Australian Accounting Standard unless specifically permitted by TI 1101 *Application of Australian Accounting Standards and Other Pronouncements*. No Australian Accounting Standards that have been issued or amended [but not operative] have been early adopted by the office for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2011.

Note 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General statement

The financial statements constitute general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Framework, Statements of Accounting Concepts and other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB as applied by the Treasurer's instructions. Several of these are modified by the Treasurer's instructions to vary application, disclosure, format and wording.

The *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions are legislative provisions governing the preparation of financial statements and take precedence over Australian Accounting Standards, the Framework, Statements of Accounting Concepts and other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB.

Where modification is required and has had a material or significant financial effect upon the reported results, details of that modification and the resulting financial effect are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the historical cost convention.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements have been consistently applied throughout all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

[Note 3 'Judgements made by management in applying accounting policies'](#) discloses judgements that have been made in the process of applying the office's accounting policies resulting in the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

[Note 4 'Key sources of estimation uncertainty'](#) discloses key assumptions made concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

(c) Reporting entity

The reporting entity comprises the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, generally known as the Ombudsman Western Australia (the office).

Mission

The mission of the Ombudsman Western Australia is to serve Parliament and Western Australians by:

- Resolving complaints about decision making of public authorities; and
- Improving the standard of public administration

The office is predominantly funded by Parliamentary appropriation. The Ombudsman Western Australia also performs the functions of the Energy Ombudsman Western Australia (**EOWA**) under a services agreement with the Board of Energy Industry Ombudsman (Western Australia) Limited, the governing body of EOWA. The office recoups the costs for EOWA from the Board. The financial statements encompass all funds through which the office controls resources to carry on its functions.

Services

The office provides the following service:

Service 1: Resolving complaints about decision making of public authorities and improving the standard of public administration

Investigating and resolving complaints from members of the public about Western Australian public authorities and improving the standard of public administration by identifying and investigating concerns that affect the broader community, making recommendations for improvement and identifying and promoting good decision making and practices.

The office does not administer assets, liabilities, income and expenses on behalf of Government which are not controlled by, nor integral, to the function of the office.

(d) Contributed equity

AASB Interpretation 1038 *Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities* requires transfers in the nature of equity contributions, other than as a result of a restructure of administrative arrangements, to be designated by the Government (the owner) as contributions by owners (at the time of, or prior to transfer) before such transfers can be recognised as equity contributions. Capital appropriations have been designated as contributions by owners by TI 955 *Contributions by Owners made to Wholly Owned Public Sector Entities* and have been credited directly to Contributed equity.

(e) Income

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised and measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Provision of services

Revenue is recognised on delivery of the service to the client or by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction.

Service appropriations

Service Appropriations are recognised as revenues at fair value in the period in which the office gains control of the appropriated funds. The office gains control of appropriated funds at the time those funds are deposited to the bank account or credited to the 'Amounts receivable for services' (holding account) held at Treasury.

Net appropriation determination

The Treasurer may make a determination providing for prescribed receipts to be retained for services under the control of the office. In accordance with the determination specified in the 2010-2011 Budget Statements, the office retained **\$1,656,686** in 2011 (**\$953,475** in 2010) from the following:

- GST Input Credits;
- Proceeds from fees and charges; and
- Other office Receipts.

Grants, donations, gifts and other non-reciprocal contributions

Revenue is recognised at fair value when the office obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions, usually when cash is received.

Other non-reciprocal contributions that are not contributions by owners are recognised at their fair value. Contributions of services are only recognised when a fair value can be reliably determined and the services would be purchased if not donated.

Gains

Realised or unrealised gains are usually recognised on a net basis. These include gains arising on the disposal of non-current assets and some revaluations of non-current assets.

(f) Plant and equipment

Capitalisation/expensing of assets

Items of plant and equipment costing \$5,000 or more are recognised as assets and the cost of utilising assets is expensed (depreciated) over their useful lives. Items of plant and equipment costing less than \$5,000 are immediately expensed direct to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Initial recognition and measurement

Plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost.

For items of plant and equipment acquired at no cost or for nominal cost, the cost is the fair value at the date of acquisition.

Subsequent measurement

Subsequent to initial recognition as an asset, the cost model is used for plant and equipment. All items of plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Derecognition

Upon disposal or derecognition of an item of plant and equipment, any revaluation surplus relating to that asset is retained in the asset revaluation surplus.

Depreciation

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their estimated useful lives in a manner that reflects the consumption of their future economic benefits.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight line method, using rates which are reviewed annually. Estimated useful lives for each class of depreciable asset are:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Furniture and fittings | 10 years |
| Plant and machinery | 10 years |
| Computer hardware | 3 years |
| Office equipment | 5 years |

(g) Intangible assets

Capitalisation/expensing of assets

Acquisitions of intangible assets costing \$5,000 or more and internally generated intangible assets costing \$50,000 or more are capitalised. The cost of utilising the assets is expensed (amortised) over their useful life. Costs incurred below these thresholds are immediately expensed directly to the [Statement of Comprehensive Income](#).

All acquired and internally developed intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal cost, the cost is their fair value at the date of acquisition.

The cost model is applied for subsequent measurement requiring the asset to be carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is calculated for the period of the expected benefit (estimated useful life which is reviewed annually) on the straight line basis. All intangible assets controlled by the office have a finite useful life and zero residual value.

The expected useful lives for each class of intangible asset are:

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Software (a) | 3 Years |
|--------------|---------|

(a) Software that is not integral to the operation of any related hardware.

Computer software

Software that is an integral part of the related hardware is recognised as plant and equipment. Software that is not an integral part of the related hardware is recognised as an intangible asset. Software costing less than \$5,000 is expensed in the year of acquisition.

Website costs

Website costs are charged as expenses when they are incurred unless they relate to the acquisition or development of an asset when they may be capitalised and amortised. Generally, costs in relation to feasibility studies during the planning phase of a website, and ongoing costs of maintenance during the operating phase are expensed. Costs incurred in building or enhancing a website, to the extent that they represent probable future economic benefits that can be reliably measured, are capitalised.

(h) Impairment of assets

Plant and equipment and intangible assets are tested for any indication of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Where there is an indication of impairment, the recoverable amount is estimated. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, the

asset is considered impaired and is written down to the recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised. As the office is a not-for-profit entity, unless an asset has been identified as a surplus asset, the recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and depreciated replacement cost.

The risk of impairment is generally limited to circumstances where an asset's depreciation is materially understated, where the replacement cost is falling or where there is a significant change in useful life. Each relevant class of assets is reviewed annually to verify that the accumulated depreciation/amortisation reflects the level of consumption or expiration of the asset's future economic benefits and to evaluate any impairment risk from falling replacement costs.

Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment.

The recoverable amount of assets identified as surplus assets is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and the present value of future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset. Surplus assets carried at fair value have no risk of material impairment where fair value is determined by reference to market-based evidence. Where fair value is determined by reference to depreciated replacement cost, surplus assets are at risk of impairment and the recoverable amount is measured. Surplus assets at cost are tested for indications of impairment at the end of each reporting period.

(i) Leases

The office holds operating leases for its office buildings and motor vehicles. Operating leases are expensed on a straight line basis over the lease term as this represents the pattern of benefits derived from the leased property.

(j) Financial instruments

In addition to cash, the office has two categories of financial instrument:

- Receivables; and
- Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

Financial instruments have been disaggregated into the following classes:

- Financial Assets
 - Cash and cash equivalents
 - Restricted cash and cash equivalents
 - Receivables
 - Amounts receivable for services
- Financial Liabilities
 - Payables

Initial recognition and measurement of financial instruments is at fair value which normally equates to the transaction cost or the face value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The fair value of short-term receivables and payables is the transaction cost or the face value because there is no interest rate applicable and subsequent measurement is not required as the effect of discounting is not material.

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the [Statement of Cash Flows](#), cash and cash equivalent (and restricted cash and cash equivalent) assets comprise cash on hand and short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

(l) Accrued salaries

Accrued salaries represent the amount due to staff but unpaid at the end of the financial year. Accrued salaries are generally settled within a fortnight of the financial year end. For the current financial year a component of accrued salaries relates to settlement of liability in relation to the Public Services and Government Officers General Agreement 2011 (PS GOSAG) pay award. Settlement of this component of accrued salaries is within two months of the financial year end. The office considers the carrying amount of accrued salaries to be equivalent to its net fair value.

The accrued salaries suspense consists of amounts paid annually into a suspense account over a period of 10 financial years to largely meet the additional cash outflow in each eleventh year when 27 pay days occur instead of the normal 26. No interest is received on this account.

(m) Amounts receivable for services (holding account)

The office receives funding on an accrual basis. The appropriations are paid partly in cash and partly as an asset (holding account receivable). The accrued amount receivable is accessible on the emergence of the cash funding requirement to cover leave entitlements and asset replacement.

(n) Receivables

Receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts (i.e. impairment). The collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis and any receivables identified as uncollectible are written-off against the allowance account. The allowance for uncollectible amounts (doubtful debts) is raised when there is objective evidence that the office will not be able to collect the debts. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

(o) Payables

Payables are recognised at the amounts payable when the office becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value, as settlement is generally within 30 days.

(p) Provisions

Provisions are liabilities of uncertain timing or amount and are recognised where there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and when the outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is probable and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period.

Provisions - employee benefits

All annual leave and long service leave provisions are in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period.

Annual leave

The liability for annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period is recognised and measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Annual leave not expected to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period is recognised and measured at the present value of amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

When assessing expected future payments consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including non-salary components such as employer superannuation contributions, as well as the experience of employee departures and periods of service. The expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

The provision for annual leave is classified as a current liability as the office does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period is recognised and measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period is recognised and measured at the present value of amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

When assessing expected future payments consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including non-salary components such as employer superannuation contributions, as well as the experience of employee departures and periods of service. The expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Unconditional long service leave provisions are classified as current liabilities as the office does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. Conditional long service leave provisions are classified as non-current liabilities because the office has an unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability until the employee has completed the requisite years of service.

Superannuation

The Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) administers public sector superannuation arrangements in Western Australia in accordance with legislative requirements.

Eligible employees contribute to the Pension Scheme, a defined benefit pension scheme closed to new members since 1987, or the Gold State Superannuation Scheme (GSS), a defined benefit lump sum scheme closed to new members since 1995.

The GSS is a defined benefit scheme for the purposes of employees and whole-of-government reporting. However, it is a defined contribution plan for agency purposes because the concurrent contributions (defined contributions) made by the office to GESB extinguishes the agency's obligations to the related superannuation liability.

The office has no liabilities under the Pension Scheme or the GSS. The liabilities for the unfunded Pension Scheme and the unfunded GSS transfer benefits attributable to members

who transferred from the Pension Scheme, are assumed by the Treasurer. All other GSS obligations are funded by concurrent contributions made by the office to the GESB.

Employees commencing employment prior to 16 April 2007 who were not members of either the Pension Scheme or the GSS became non-contributory members of the West State Superannuation Scheme (WSS). Employees commencing employment on or after 16 April 2007 became members of the GESB Super Scheme (GESBS). Both of these schemes are accumulation schemes. The office makes concurrent contributions to GESB on behalf of employees in compliance with the *Commonwealth Government's Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*. These contributions extinguish the liability for superannuation charges in respect of the WSS and GESBS.

The GESB makes all benefit payments in respect of the Pension Scheme and GSS, and is recouped from the Treasurer for the employer's share.

Provisions - other

Employment on-costs

Employment on-costs, including workers' compensation insurance, are not employee benefits and are recognised separately as liabilities and expenses when the employment to which they relate has occurred. Employment on-costs are included as part of 'Other expenses' and are not included as part of the office's 'Employee benefits expense'. The related liability is included in 'Employment on-costs provision'.

(q) Superannuation expense

The superannuation expense in the [Statement of Comprehensive Income](#) comprises of employer contributions paid to the GSS (concurrent contributions), the WSS, and the GESBS. The employer contribution paid to the GESB in respect of the GSS is paid back into the Consolidated Account by the GESB.

(r) Resources received free of charge or for nominal cost

Resources received free of charge or for nominal cost that can be reliably measured are recognised as income at fair value. Where the resource received represents a service that the office would otherwise pay for, a corresponding expense is recognised. Receipts of assets are recognised in the [Statement of Financial Position](#).

Assets or services are received from other State Government agencies are separately disclosed under Income from State Government in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

(s) Comparative figures

Comparative figures are, where appropriate, reclassified to be comparable with the figures presented in the current financial year.

Note 3. Judgements made by management in applying accounting policies

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements about the application of accounting policies that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The office evaluates these judgements regularly.

Operating lease commitments

The office has entered into a number of leases for buildings for branch office accommodation. Some of these leases relate to buildings of a temporary nature and it has

been determined that the lessor retains substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. Accordingly, these leases have been classified as operating leases.

Note 4. Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Key estimates and assumptions concerning the future are based on historical experience and various other factors that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Long Service Leave

Several estimations and assumptions used in calculating the office's long service leave provision include expected future salary rates, discount rates, employee retention rates and expected future payments. Changes in these estimations and assumptions may impact on the carrying amount of the long service leave provision.

Note 5. Disclosure of changes in accounting policy and estimates

Initial application of an Australian Accounting Standard

The office has applied the following Australian Accounting Standards effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010 that impacted on the Authority.

2009-5 *Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project.* [AASB 5, 8, 101, 107, 118, 136, & 139]

Under amendments to AASB 107, only expenditures that result in a recognised asset are eligible for classification as investing activities in the Statement of Cash Flows. All investing cashflows recognised in the Authority's Statement of Cash Flows relate to increases in recognised assets.

Future impact of Australian Accounting Standards not yet operative

The office cannot early adopt an Australian Accounting Standard unless specifically permitted by TI 1101 *Application of Australian Accounting Standards and Other Pronouncements*. Consequently, the office has not applied early any of the following Australian Accounting Standards that have been issued that may impact the office. Where applicable, the office plans to apply these Australian Accounting Standards from their application date.

| | | Operative for reporting periods beginning on/after |
|--------------|---|--|
| AASB 2009-11 | <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12].</i> | 1 Jan 2013 |
| | The amendment to AASB 7 requires modification to the disclosure of categories of financial assets. The office does not expect any financial impact when the Standard is first applied. The disclosure of categories of financial assets in the notes will change. | |

| | | |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| AASB 2009-12 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2,4,16,1039 & 1052]</i></p> <p>This Standard introduces a number of terminology changes. There is no financial impact resulting from the application of this revised Standard.</p> | 1 Jan 2011 |
| AASB 1053 | <p><i>Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards</i></p> <p>This Standard establishes a differential financial reporting framework consisting of two tiers of reporting requirements for preparing general purpose financial statements.</p> <p>The Standard does not have any financial impact on the office. However it may affect disclosures in the financial statements of the office if the reduced disclosure requirements apply. DTF has not yet determined the application or the potential impact of the new Standard for agencies.</p> | 1 July 2013 |
| AASB 2010-2 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements</i></p> <p>This Standard makes amendments to many Australian Accounting Standards, including Interpretations, to introduce reduced disclosure requirements into these pronouncements for application by certain types of entities.</p> <p>This Standard is not expected to have any financial impact on the office. However this Standard may reduce some note disclosures in the financial statements of the office. DTF has not yet determined the application or the potential impact of the amendments to these Standards for agencies.</p> | 1 July 2013 |
| AASB 2011-2 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project – Reduced Disclosure Requirements [AASB 101 & AASB 1054]</i></p> <p>This Amending Standard removes disclosure requirements from other Standards and incorporates them in a single Standard to achieve convergence between Australian and New Zealand Accounting Standards for reduced disclosure reporting. DTF has not yet determined the application or the potential impact of the amendments to these Standards for agencies.</p> | 1 July 2011 |
| ASB 2010-5 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 101, 107, 112, 118, 119, 121, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 112, 115, 127, 132 & 1042] (October 2010)</i></p> <p>This Standard introduces a number of terminology changes as well as minor presentation changes to the Notes to the Financial Statements. There is no financial impact resulting from the application of this revised Standard.</p> | 1 Jan 2011 |

| | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| AASB 2010-6 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfers of Financial Assets [AASB 1 & AASB 7]</i></p> <p>This Standard makes amendments to Australian Accounting Standards, introducing additional presentation and disclosure requirements for Financial Assets.</p> <p>The Standard is not expected to have any financial impact on the office. DTF has not yet determined the application of the potential impact of the amendments to these Standards for agencies.</p> | 1 July 2011 |
| AASB 9 | <p><i>Financial Instruments</i></p> <p>This Standard supersedes AASB 139 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i>, introducing a number of changes to accounting treatments.</p> <p>The Standard was reissued on 6 Dec 2010 and the Department is currently determining the impact of the Standard, DTF has not yet determined the application or the potential impact of the Standard for agencies.</p> | 1 Jan 2013 |
| AASB 2010-7 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127]</i></p> <p>This Amending Standard makes consequential adjustments to other Standards as a result of issuing AASB 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> in December 2010. DTF has not yet determined the application or the potential impact of the Standard for agencies.</p> | 1 Jan 2013 |
| AASB 1054 | <p><i>Australian Additional Disclosures</i></p> <p>This Standard, in conjunction with AASB 2011-1 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project</i>, removes disclosure requirements from other Standards and incorporates them in a single Standard to achieve convergence between Australian and New Zealand Accounting Standards.</p> | 1 July 2011 |
| AASB 2011-1 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project [AASB 1, 5, 101, 107, 108, 121, 128, 132 & 134 and Interpretations 2, 112 & 113]</i></p> <p>This Amending Standard, in conjunction with AASB 1054 <i>Australian Additional Disclosures</i>, removes disclosure requirements from other Standards and incorporates them in a single Standard to achieve convergence between Australian and New Zealand Accounting Standards.</p> | 1 July 2011 |

Note 6. Employee benefits expense

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries ^(a) | 5,115,194 | 4,567,083 |
| Superannuation - defined contribution plans ^(b) | 530,108 | 370,428 |
| Other related expenses | 64,228 | 90,880 |
| | 5,709,530 | 5,028,391 |

(a) Includes the value of the fringe benefit to the employee plus the fringe benefit tax component, leave entitlements including superannuation contribution component.

(b) Defined contribution plans include West State, Gold State and GESB Super Scheme (contributions paid).

Employment on-costs expenses, such as workers' compensation insurance are included at [Note 10 'Other expenses'](#).

Employment on-costs liability is included in [Note 20 'Provisions'](#).

Note 7. Supplies and services

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Travel | 51,037 | 68,852 |
| Communications | 69,542 | 52,267 |
| Consumables | 230,842 | 108,672 |
| Services and contracts | 312,445 | 416,180 |
| Resources received free of charge (see note 12) | 135,432 | 106,231 |
| Other | 204,960 | 230,660 |
| | 1,004,258 | 982,862 |

Note 8. Depreciation and amortisation expense

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Depreciation</u> | | |
| Furniture fixtures and fittings | 77,714 | 71,172 |
| Computer equipment | 15,127 | 8,939 |
| Communications | 20,623 | 18,217 |
| Office equipment | 6,977 | 4,471 |
| Plant and machinery | 1,726 | 1,593 |
| Total depreciation | 122,167 | 104,392 |
| <u>Amortisation</u> | | |
| Intangible assets | 58,511 | 88,224 |
| Total amortisation | 58,511 | 88,224 |
| Total depreciation and amortisation | 180,678 | 192,616 |

Note 9. Accommodation expenses

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lease rentals | 809,952 | 734,948 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 2,319 | 2,379 |
| | 812,271 | 737,327 |

Note 10. Other expenses

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Employment on-cost ^(a) | 48 | 533 |
| Audit Fee ^(b) | 21,600 | 20,700 |
| Other Miscellaneous Expenses | 3,045 | 3,045 |
| | 24,693 | 24,278 |

(a) Includes workers' compensation insurance and other employment on-costs. The on-costs liability associated with the recognition of annual and long service leave liability is included at [Note 20 'Provisions'](#). Superannuation contributions accrued as part of the provision for leave are employee benefits and are not included in employment on-costs.

(b) Audit fee, see also [Note 30 'Remuneration of auditor'](#).

Note 11. Other revenue

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Other revenue - general | 1,597,214 | 908,243 |
| Other recoup | 59,472 | 45,232 |
| | 1,656,686 | 953,475 |

Note 12. Income from State Government

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation received during the year: | | |
| Service appropriations ^(a) | | |
| - Recurrent | 5,795,000 | 5,217,000 |
| - Special Acts | 553,000 | 536,000 |
| | 6,348,000 | 5,753,000 |
| Resources received free of charge ^(b) | | |
| Determined on the basis of the following estimates provided by agencies: | | |
| - Department of the Premier and Cabinet Corporate and Business Services | 122,842 | 95,408 |
| - DTF - Building and Management Works | 12,590 | 10,823 |
| - Public Sector Commission | 41,451 | - |
| | 176,883 | 106,231 |
| | 6,524,883 | 5,859,231 |

- (a) Service appropriations funds the net cost of services delivered. Appropriation revenue comprises a cash component and a receivable (asset). The receivable (holding account) comprises the depreciation expense for the year and any agreed increase in leave liability during the year.
- (b) Assets or services received free of charge or for nominal cost are recognised as revenue at fair value of the assets and/or services that can be reliably measured and which would have been purchased if they were not donated. Contributions of assets or services in the nature of contributions by owners are recognised direct to equity.

Note 13. Restricted cash and cash equivalents

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| <u>Non-current</u> | | |
| Accrued salaries suspense account ^(a) | 115,169 | 86,271 |
| | 115,169 | 86,271 |

- (a) Funds held in the suspense account used only for the purpose of meeting the 27th pay in a financial year that occurs every 11 years.

Note 14. Receivables

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Current</u> | | |
| Receivables | 84,459 | 99,152 |
| GST receivable | 4,390 | 80,974 |
| Total current | 88,849 | 180,126 |

There were no allowances made in the current year for the impairment of receivables (2009/10: nil)
The office does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements as security for receivables.

Note 15. Amounts receivable for services (Holding Account)

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current | 125,000 | 87,000 |
| Non-Current | 1,744,000 | 1,445,000 |
| | 1,869,000 | 1,532,000 |

Represents the non-cash component of service appropriations. It is restricted in that it can only be used for asset replacement or payment of leave liability. See [Note 2\(m\) 'Amounts receivable for services \(Holding Account\)'](#).

Note 16. Plant and Equipment

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Furniture fixtures and fittings</u> | | |
| At cost | 1,187,897 | 1,114,048 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (664,258) | (580,556) |
| | 523,639 | 533,492 |

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| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Computer Hardware</u> | | |
| At Cost | 208,778 | 117,631 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (174,611) | (81,536) |
| | 34,167 | 36,095 |
| <u>Office equipment</u> | | |
| At cost | 33,921 | 33,921 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (14,501) | (7,524) |
| | 19,420 | 26,397 |
| <u>Plant and machinery</u> | | |
| At cost | 31,560 | 15,780 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (14,571) | (5,693) |
| | 16,989 | 10,087 |
| <u>Communications</u> | | |
| At cost | 150,017 | 109,083 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (64,779) | (40,771) |
| | 85,238 | 68,312 |
| | 679,453 | 674,383 |

Reconciliation

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the reporting period are set out in the table below:

| | Furniture and Fittings | Computer hardware | Office Equipment | Commun- ications | Plant and Machinery | Total |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 2011 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Carrying amount at start of year | 533,493 | 36,095 | 26,396 | 68,312 | 10,087 | 674,383 |
| Additions | 67,861 | 13,199 | - | 37,549 | 8,628 | 127,237 |
| Depreciation | (77,714) | (15,127) | (6,977) | (20,623) | (1,726) | (122,167) |
| Carrying amount at end of year | 523,640 | 34,167 | 19,419 | 85,238 | 16,989 | 679,453 |
| 2010 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Carrying amount at start of year | 593,382 | 5,651 | 19,296 | 86,529 | 11,680 | 716,538 |
| Additions | 11,282 | 39,383 | 11,572 | - | - | 62,237 |
| Depreciation | (71,171) | (8,939) | (4,472) | (18,217) | (1,593) | (104,392) |
| Carrying amount at end of year | 533,493 | 36,095 | 26,396 | 68,312 | 10,087 | 674,383 |

Note 17. Intangible assets

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Computer Software</u> | | |
| At cost | 298,651 | 250,500 |
| Accumulated amortisation | (249,270) | (190,759) |
| | 49,381 | 59,741 |
| Work in Progress | 36,350 | - |
| | 36,350 | - |

Licenses

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| At cost | - | 21,425 |
| Accumulated amortisation | - | - |
| | - | 21,425 |
| Total intangible assets | 85,731 | 81,166 |

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|------|------|
| | \$ | \$ |

Reconciliation:

Computer Software

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Carrying amount at start of year | 59,741 | 147,965 |
| Additions | 36,350 | - |
| Transfer | 21,425 | - |
| Amortisation expense | (58,511) | (88,224) |
| Carrying amount at end of year | 59,005 | 59,741 |

Licenses

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Carrying amount at start of year | 21,425 | - |
| Additions | - | 21,425 |
| Transfer | (21,425) | - |
| Carrying amount at end of year | - | 21,425 |

Note 18. Impairment of assets

There were no indications of impairment to plant and equipment or intangible assets at 30 June 2011.

The office held no goodwill or intangible assets with an indefinite useful life during the reporting period. At the end of the reporting period there were no intangible assets not yet available for use.

All surplus assets as at 30 June 2011 have either been classified as assets held for sale or written-off.

Note 19. Payables

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|------|------|
| | \$ | \$ |

Current

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trade payables | 82,176 | 25,383 |
| Accrued Expenses | 213,909 | 166,710 |
| Accrued Salaries | 139,828 | 73,620 |
| Accrued Superannuation | 2,925 | - |
| Other payables | 1,207 | 49,995 |
| Total current | 440,045 | 315,708 |

Note 20. Provisions

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current | | |
| <i>Employee benefits provision</i> | | |
| Annual leave ^(a) | 568,572 | 515,697 |
| Long service leave ^(b) | 611,361 | 565,613 |
| | 1,179,933 | 1,081,310 |
| <i>Other provisions</i> | | |
| Employment on-costs ^(c) | 535 | 495 |
| | 535 | 495 |
| | 1,180,468 | 1,081,805 |

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Non-current | | |
| <i>Employee benefits provision</i> | | |
| Long service leave ^(b) | 327,445 | 302,340 |
| | 327,445 | 302,340 |
| <i>Other provisions</i> | | |
| Employment on-costs ^(c) | 149 | 141 |
| | 149 | 141 |
| | 327,594 | 302,481 |

(a) Annual leave liabilities have been classified as current as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities will occur as follows:

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Within 12 months of the end of the reporting period | 342,357 | 276,256 |
| More than 12 months after the reporting period | 226,215 | 239,441 |
| | 568,572 | 515,697 |

(b) Long service leave liabilities have been classified as current where there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities will occur as follows:

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Within 12 months of the end of the reporting period | 303,443 | 347,528 |
| More than 12 months after the reporting period | 635,363 | 520,425 |
| | 938,806 | 867,953 |

(c) Movement in other provisions: Movements in each class of provisions during the financial year, other than employee benefits, are set out below.

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <u>Employment on-cost provision</u> | | |
| Carrying amount at start of year | 636 | 103 |
| Additional provisions recognised | 48 | 533 |
| Carrying amount at end of year | 684 | 636 |

Note 21. Equity

The Government holds the equity interest in the office on behalf of the community. Equity represents the residual interest in the net assets of the office.

Contributed equity

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at start of period | 930,000 | 930,000 |
| <u>Contributions by owners</u> | | |
| Capital Contributions | - | - |
| Total contributions by owners | - | - |
| BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD | 930,000 | 930,000 |

Accumulated surplus/(deficit)

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at start of year | 370,975 | 523,743 |
| Result for the period | 450,139 | (152,768) |
| Balance at end of year | 821,114 | 370,975 |

Note 22. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the [Statement of Cash Flows](#) is reconciled to the related items in the [Statement of Financial Position](#) as follows:

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 861,019 | 447,023 |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | 115,169 | 86,271 |
| | 976,188 | 533,294 |

Reconciliation of net cost of services to net cash flows provided by/(used in) operating activities

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Net cost of services | (6,074,744) | (6,011,999) |
| <u>Non-cash items:</u> | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | 180,678 | 192,616 |
| Resources received free of charge | 135,432 | 106,231 |
| <u>(Increase)/decrease in assets:</u> | | |
| Current receivables ^(a) | 57,729 | 301,017 |
| <u>Increase/(decrease) in liabilities:</u> | | |
| Accrued salaries | 66,208 | 32,345 |
| Accrued superannuation | 2,925 | - |
| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
| Accrued expenses | 47,199 | - |
| Current payables | 8,005 | (80,144) |
| Current provisions | 98,663 | 228,824 |
| Non-current provisions | 25,113 | 50,922 |
| Net GST receipts/(payments) ^(a) | 20,088 | - |
| Change in GST in receivables/payables ^(b) | 13,459 | (18,328) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | (5,419,245) | (5,198,516) |

(a) Note that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) receivable/payable in respect of GST and the receivable/payable in respect of the sale/purchase of non-current assets are not included in these items as they do not form part of the reconciling items.

(b) This reverses out the GST in receivables and payables.

At the end of the reporting period, the office had fully drawn on all financing facilities, details of which are disclosed in the financial statements.

Note 23. Resources provided free of charge

The office did not provide any resources to other agencies free of charge.

Note 24. Commitments

The commitments below are inclusive of GST where relevant.

Capital expenditure commitments

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Capital expenditure commitments, being contracted capital expenditure additional to the amounts reported in the financial statements, are payable as follows: | | |
| Within 1 year | - | 62,329 |
| | - | 62,329 |

Lease commitments

Commitments in relation to leases contracted for at the end of the reporting period but not recognised in the financial statements are payable as follows:

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Within 1 year | 572,195 | 576,444 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 42,802 | 570,552 |
| | 614,997 | 1,146,996 |
| Representing: | | |
| Non-cancellable operating leases | 614,997 | 1,146,996 |
| | 614,997 | 1,146,996 |

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Non-cancellable operating leases commitments | | |
| Commitments for minimum leases payments are payable as follows: | | |
| Within 1 year | 572,195 | 576,444 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 42,802 | 570,552 |
| | 614,997 | 1,146,996 |

The office has entered into a property lease which is a non-cancellable lease with a five year term, with rent payable monthly in advance. Contingent rent provisions within the lease agreement require that the minimum lease payments shall be increased by the lower of CPI or 4% per annum. An option exists to renew the lease at the end of the five year term for an additional term of five years.

The motor vehicle lease is a non-cancellable lease with a three year term, with lease payments monthly. New vehicle leases are negotiated at the end of this period, the number of vehicle leases being subject to the office's operational needs.

Note 25. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Contingent liabilities

The office had no contingent liabilities

Contingent assets

The office had no contingent assets

Note 26. Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

There were no events occurring after the reporting date that impact on the financial statements.

Note 27. Explanatory statement

Significant variations between estimates and actual results for income and expense as presented in the financial statement titled '[Summary of Consolidated Account Appropriations and Income Estimates](#)' are shown below. Significant variations are considered to be those greater than 10%.

Total appropriations provided to deliver services

Significant variances between estimate and actual for 2011

| | 2011 Estimate \$ | 2011 Actual \$ | Variance \$ |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Employee benefits expense | 4,833,000 | 5,709,530 | 876,530 |
| Supplies and services | 442,000 | 1,004,258 | 562,258 |
| Accommodation | 733,000 | 812,271 | 79,271 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 253,000 | 180,678 | (72,322) |
| Other expenses | 129,000 | 24,693 | (104,307) |
| Other revenue | 921,000 | 1,656,686 | 735,686 |
| Service appropriation | 5,424,000 | 6,348,000 | (924,000) |
| Resources received free of charge | 45,000 | 176,883 | (131,883) |

Employees benefits expenses

The increase is primarily due to an additional five Full Time Equivalents (**FTEs**) to handle an increased number of complaints and telecommunication intercept inspections; and additional staff to handle an increased number of complaints under the Energy jurisdiction.

Supplies and services

The increase is primarily due to the supplies and services associated with the additional staff, including power, phones and office equipment, as well as use of temporary staff pending filling of the additional positions.

Accommodation

The increase is primarily due to the costs of accommodation required for the additional staff.

Depreciation and amortisation

The decrease is because some capital purchases occurred later in the year than initially estimated and the depreciation did not commence until they were purchased.

Other expenses

The decrease is primarily because some expenses, included in the estimate as other expenses, were included under supplies and services for actual expenses.

Other revenue

The increase is primarily due to an increase in funding approved by the Board of the Energy Ombudsman Western Australia to cover additional expenses associated with an increase in complaints under the Energy Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

Service appropriations

The increase is primarily due to approved additional funding of:

- \$455,000 for four FTEs to manage an increased number of complaints;
- \$157,000 for one FTE to undertake an increased number of telecommunications intercept inspections;
- \$172,000 to meet additional business services costs and accommodation requirements; and
- \$138,000 to replenish cash reserves used to handle an increase in complaints in 2009-10.

Resources received free of charge

The increase is primarily due to an increase in the resources received free of charge from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet for human resource management services, and one-off resources received free of charge from the Public Sector Commissioner to cover the residual value of assets transferred to the Ombudsman. These assets had previously been shared with the Ombudsman.

Significant variances between actual results for 2010 and 2011

| | 2011 Actual \$ | 2010 Actual \$ | Variance \$ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <u>Income</u> | | | |
| Other revenue | 1,656,686 | 953,475 | 703,211 |
| Service appropriation | 6,348,000 | 5,753,000 | 595,000 |
| Resources received free of charge | 176,883 | 106,231 | 70,652 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | | |
| Employee benefits expense | 5,709,530 | 5,028,391 | 681,139 |
| Accommodation expense | 812,271 | 737,327 | 74,944 |

Other revenue

The increase is primarily due to an increase in funding approved by the Board of the Energy Ombudsman Western Australia to cover additional expenses associated with a significant increase in complaints under the Energy jurisdiction.

Service appropriation

The increase is primarily due to approved budget increases as described above. The reason the variation between the actual appropriations is less is because supplementary funding of \$300,000 was provided in 2009-10 to cover the increase in complaints in that year. This was also included in the appropriations provided in 2010-11.

Resources received free of charge

The increase is primarily due to an increase in the resources received free of charge from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet for human resource management services, and one-off resources received free of charge from the Public Sector Commissioner to cover the residual value of assets transferred to the Ombudsman. These assets had previously been shared with the Ombudsman.

Employee benefits expense

The increase is primarily due to additional staff required to handle an increased number of complaints and telecommunication intercept inspections under the State jurisdiction and an increased number of complaints under the Energy jurisdiction.

Accommodation expense

The increase is primarily due to the costs of accommodation required for the additional staff.

Note 28. Financial instruments

(a) Financial risk management objectives and policies

Financial instruments held by the office are cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables. The office has limited exposure to financial risks. The office's overall risk management program focuses on managing the risks identified below.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises when there is the possibility of the office's receivables defaulting on their contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the office.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the gross carrying amount of those assets inclusive of any provisions for impairment, as shown in the table at [Note 28\(c\) 'Financial instruments disclosures'](#) and [Note 14 'Receivables'](#).

Credit risk associated with the office's financial assets is minimal because the main receivable is the amounts receivables for services (holding accounts). For receivables other than government, the office trades only with recognised, creditworthy third parties. The office has policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the office's exposure to bad debts is minimal. At the end of the reporting period there were no significant concentrations of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the office is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

The office is exposed to liquidity risk through its trading in the normal course of business.

The office has appropriate procedures to manage cash flows including drawdowns of appropriations by monitoring forecast cash flows to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet its commitments.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates will affect the office's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The office does not trade in foreign currency and is not materially exposed to other price risks. The office's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relate primarily to the long-term debt obligations.

(b) Categories of financial instruments

In addition to cash, the carrying amounts of each of the following categories of financial assets and financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period are:

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| <u>Financial Assets</u> | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 861,019 | 447,023 |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | 115,169 | 86,271 |
| Receivables ^(a) | 1,953,459 | 1,631,152 |
| <u>Financial Liabilities</u> | | |
| Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | 440,045 | 315,708 |

(a) The amount of receivables excludes GST recoverable from the ATO (statutory receivable).

(c) Financial instrument disclosures

Credit risk and interest rate exposures

The following table discloses the office's maximum exposure to credit risk, interest rate exposures and the ageing analysis of financial assets. The office's maximum exposure to credit risk at end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of financial assets as shown below. The table discloses the ageing of financial assets that are past due but not impaired and impaired in financial assets. The table

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is based on information provided to senior management of the office.

The office does not hold any collateral as security or other credit enhancements relating to the financial assets it holds.

The office does not hold any financial assets that had to have their terms renegotiated that would have otherwise resulted in them being past due or impaired.

| Interest rate exposures and ageing analysis of financial assets ^(a) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| | Weighted average effective interest rate % | Carrying Amount | Interest rate exposure | | | Past due but not impaired | | | | | Impaired financial assets |
| | | | Fixed interest rate | Variable interest rate | Non-interest bearing | Up to 3 months | 3 – 12 months | 1-2 Years | 2 – 5 Years | More than 5 Years | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Financial Assets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 861,019 | - | - | 861,019 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalent | | 115,169 | - | - | 115,169 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Receivables ^(a) | | 84,459 | - | - | 84,459 | 6,608 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Amount receivable for service | | 1,869,000 | - | - | 1,869,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 2,929,647 | - | - | 2,929,647 | 6,608 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 447,023 | - | - | 447,023 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalent | | 86,271 | - | - | 86,271 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Receivables ^(a) | | 99,152 | - | - | 99,152 | 37,419 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Amount receivable for service | | 1,532,000 | - | - | 1,532,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 2,164,446 | - | - | 2,164,446 | 37,419 | - | - | - | - | - |

Liquidity Risk

The following table details the contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities. The table includes interest and principal cash flows. An adjustment has been made where material.

| Interest rate exposures and maturity analysis of financial liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | Weighted average effective interest rate % | Carrying Amount | Interest rate exposure | | | | | Maturity date | | | | |
| | | | Fixed interest rate | Variable interest rate | Non-interest bearing | Adjustment for discounting | Total nominal amount | Up to 3 months | 3 – 12 months | 1 -2 Years | 2 – 5 Years | More than 5 Years |
| | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ | ₹ |
| <u>Financial Liabilities</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | | 315,708 | - | - | 315,708 | - | - | 315,708 | - | - | - | - |
| Payables | | 315,708 | - | - | 315,708 | - | - | 315,708 | - | - | - | - |
| 2010 | | 304,102 | - | - | 304,102 | - | - | 304,102 | - | - | - | - |
| Payables | | 304,102 | - | - | 304,102 | - | - | 304,102 | - | - | - | - |

(a) The amount disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of each class of financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

None of the office's financial assets and liabilities at the end of reporting date are sensitive to movements in interest rates, hence movements in interest rates have no bottom line impact on the office's surplus or equity.

Fair values

All financial assets and liabilities recognised in the [Statement of Financial Position](#), whether they are carried at cost or fair value, are recognised at amounts that represent a reasonable approximation of fair value unless otherwise stated in the applicable notes.

Note 29. Remuneration of senior officers

The number of senior officers whose total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits and other benefits for the financial year fall within the following bands are:

| \$ | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 120,001 - 130,000 | - | - |
| 130,001 - 140,000 | - | 1 |
| 140,001 - 150,000 | 1 | 2 |
| 150,001 - 160,000 | 2 | 1 |
| 160,001 - 170,000 | 1 | - |
| 200,001 - 210,000 | - | 1 |
| 220,001 - 230,000 | 1 | - |
| 300,001 - 310,000 | - | 1 |
| 350,001 - 360,000 | 1 | - |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Total remuneration of senior officers | 1,207,813 | 1,088,031 |

The total remuneration includes the superannuation expense incurred by the office in respect of senior officers.

Note 30. Remuneration of auditor

Remuneration payable to the Auditor General in respect of the audit for the current financial year is as follows:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Auditing the accounts, financial statements and performance indicators | 20,000 | 21,600 |
| | 20,000 | 21,600 |

Note 31. Indian Ocean Territories

The Indian Ocean Territories Reimbursement Fund was established in March 1996 and became operational in July 1996.

The purpose of the Fund is to meet the cost of the services of the office in relation to complaints involved the Indian Ocean Territories.

The balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year is included in the office's Operating Account.

The figures presented below for the Fund have been prepared on a cash basis.

| | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Opening Balance | 11,632 | 10,034 |
| Receipts | 39,399 | 23,402 |
| Payments | (60,630) | (21,804) |
| Closing Balance | (9,599) | 11,632 |

Note 32. Supplementary financial information

(a) Write-offs

There was no write-off during the financial year.

(b) Losses through theft, defaults and other causes

There were no losses of public money and public and other property during the financial year.

(c) Gifts of public property

There were no gifts of public property provided by the office during the financial year.