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Dear Mr Pederick

On Monday 11 October 2010 during the Estimates Committee (B) examination you put the following question to me:

*"I refer to Budget Paper 6, the Budget Measures Statement, page 143, and savings initiatives: cuts to the incentive and grants programs. Cuts of 1.7 million are indicated for industry incentive programs, grant programs, research work and recycling campaigns. Does the minister have a list of all the programs that are to be cut?"*

I undertook to obtain further information on this issue, and my response is as follows: Zero Waste SA (ZWSA) have indicated that to achieve their saving target of \$1.690 million over the next four years, the board of ZWSA has recommended the following amendments in the 2010-2011 ZWSA Business Plan. These saving measures have been approved for 2010-2011.

Saving targets of \$430,000 reflected in reduction in expenditure budget for the following programs:

- **Commercial incentives program - Recycle at work:** reduce budget by \$202,500. This program is currently experiencing a slow uptake by the waste collection providers. ZWSA is considering strategies to stimulate uptake in this program.
- **Development of code of practice for building industry sustainable on-site practices:** reduce budget by \$30,000. This project is currently managed through the ZWSA-KESAB service level agreement- clean sites program.
- **Sustainable markets and innovation - industry investment incentives:** Reduce budget by \$52,500. A call for this program is likely to be made in February/March 2011 and the proposed reduction in expenditure budget is not expected to significantly affect this program.
- **Kerbside recycling campaign:** reduce budget by \$25,000. ZWSA is considering future options for this program in light of the current ban on campaign advertising across Government.

- **Schools and community grant programs:** reduce budget by \$120,000. An independent review in the effectiveness and success of this program will be undertaken in 2011.

Additional funding has been approved for relocation to the following programs:

- **\$30,000 funding to the KESAB Clean sites program:** the current services level agreement between ZWSA-KESAB includes this funding commitment for 2010-2011.
- **Review of the solid waste levy:** \$70,000 to be allocated to this review. Accordingly, the Recycle Efficiency Assistance Program (REAP) budget will be reduced by \$70,000.
- **Corporate services:** \$24,000 in funding to cover costs with strategic planning session for the ZWSA Board, ZWSA staff climate survey and succession planning review (undertaken by external service providers).

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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