



## Response to Question from the floor re RDA (NSW) Accounts for 2022 year

As per the notification that was sent to Centres on 20 April 2023, questions were required to be sent to State Office no later than 28 April 2023. The reason for this is to ensure that the directors are able to fully answer any questions that Centres may have.

This is a request that is made each year to help ensure that even questions that require research in order for Directors to be able to provide a response are able to be dealt with.

Despite the request that questions be submitted in advance of the AGM, representatives from a number of Centres raised questions at the AGM without the requested prior notice. One such question was put by Susan Wilson from the Tamworth Centre.

The question that was put asked for the breakup of the expenditure of RDA (NSW) totalling \$740,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

In response, the Finance Officer stated that while it was possible to give an indication of some of the major items of expenditure, along with an explanation of the increase in such expenditure over the previous year, the amount of detail required to reach the amount of \$740,000 which was referred to in the question was such that there could not be an answer without reference to the accounts. This is an example of why advance notice of questions was requested.

It was therefore agreed that the directors will supply a breakup of the expenses following the meeting.

In response to the question raised, a breakup of the expenditure of RDA (NSW) for the whole 2022 year is as follows:

<b><u>Expenditure Category</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Grants to Centres	\$115,386.45
Grants handled by RDA (NSW) for Centres	\$71,363.64
Donations paid (to Centres)	\$16,000.08
Insurances	\$55,355.59
Travel & related expenditure	\$49,694.50
Payroll and related costs	\$77,442.71
Professional Fees (audit, bookkeeping, legal)	\$22,014.51
Total Office overheads	\$22,791.33
Box Hill Rental Property expenses	\$4,763.55
Promotional and Marketing	\$19,848.28
Honoraria	\$5,650.00
Bank charges	\$83.29
Rider support	\$103.27
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$887.35
Competitions, catering and related expenses	\$12,951.15
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>\$474,335.70</u></b>

As can be seen from the above, in addition to the amount of expenditure being well below the stated \$740,000, a substantial part of the actual amount of \$474,335.70 "expenditure" (that is, \$202,750.17, or just under 43%) was made up of payments to Centres. These were classified as grants and donations.

Apart from the amount of grants which were handled by RDA (NSW) as a result of the grant authorities requiring payment to be made to a company, that is, RDA (NSW), the major part of the "expenditure" in this category of grants was the result of the work of directors, in particular Tracy Lucas, in sourcing grant funds which were then distributed to Centres, along with other payments.

It is noted that the amount as shown in the audited accounts as presented to Centres and which was the subject of the question, are as follows:

	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Revenue	701,197.64	379,756.71
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>701,197.64</u>	<u>379,756.71</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising expenses	(19,848.28)	(10,344.25)
Employee benefits expenses	(77,442.71)	(69,798.76)
Other expenses	<u>(377,044.71)</u>	<u>(135,679.44)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>(474,335.70)</u>	<u>(215,822.45)</u>
<b>Profit for year</b>	<u><b>226,861.94</b></u>	<u><b>163,934.26</b></u>

As the total expenditure, including grants and donations made to Centres for the 2022 year totalled \$474,335.70 and not \$740,000 as per the question, it is not possible to answer the question any further.

Note that fluctuations in the value of the share portfolio, which comprises holdings in shares (identified as "equities" and "properties" depending on the type of shareholding), are not counted as income or loss. This is because these shares, as with the three properties which are owned by RDA (NSW) and used by three Centres for the conduct of their RDA activities, are not held on revenue account but rather on capital account. They are therefore included in the Balance Sheet in order to determine the net value of the company "Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)" (subject to any subsequent valuation).

For, and on behalf of the Directors of RDA (NSW),

Joseph Orland.

Director, Company Secretary and Finance Officer.