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GOVERNMENT HAS LOST ITS IG CHANCE, NOW CREDIT-CRUNCHED

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The Rann Government need to explain – not with GFC – why, with record revenue, they are having to go so far back into deficit.

.... Foley said no tax increases 11am today ... told Kelton we'd email to him - he shouldnt be having such a financial problem despite the GFC - ackn GFC - but with all the revenue they'd had - investment in infrastructure - better budget management - send over

FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has lamented the lost opportunity for infrastructure spending that South Australia had, in the face of a burgeoning Government budget to the tune of an extra \$11.XXXbn since the Rann Government came into office.

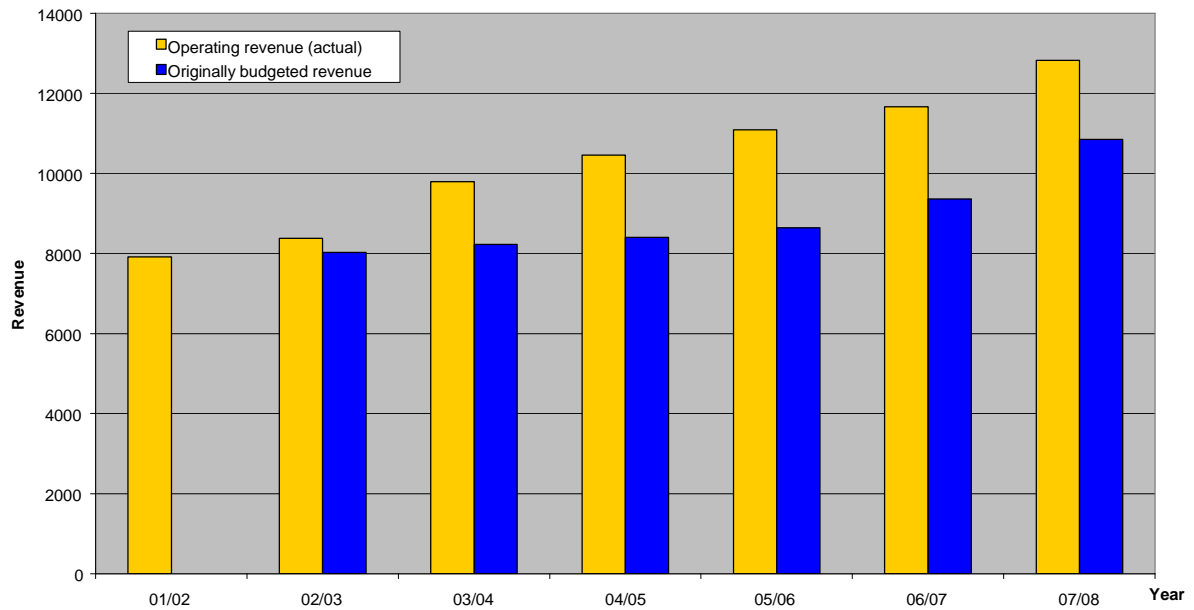
“The Global Economic Crisis has now crunched that opportunity, which was squandered by a wasteful Government”, Mr Brokenshere said.

The following graph demonstrates that from forward estimates in its first budget in 2002/2003 to actual outcomes to July 2008, the State Government has gained a windfall of **\$11...0.2bn*** over and above what it expected in its first budget - **\$2.65bn*** of which has come from unexpected tax revenue (including the GST):

* Each gain has been indexed from their original budget year to the 07/08 financial year

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Actual State Gov't Revenue vs Originally Budgeted



“There’s water security, stormwater harvesting, a North-South transport corridor through Adelaide, a duplicated Southern Expressway and train line extensions that could have been bought with \$10.2 bn”, Mr Brokenshire said, “Now the credit crunch has combined with this Government to deny us these things for many years to come”

“In spite of all this extra revenue, this Government is putting the state into debt \$5bn – has put the AAA credit rating at risk – no room for any new borrowing”