PREMIER'S SCIENCE COUNCIL

1132. **Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation:**

(1)   What staff were allocated to assist the Premier's Science Council in 2005, and what was the function of each of these positions?

(2)   Which department funded these positions and how much funding was allocated to each of the positions?

(3)   What staff are currently allocated to assist the Premier's Science Council?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. Again, it is a fairly lengthy answer. I table the answer and seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 2282.]

The following material was incorporated -

(1)   In November 2005 the Office of Science and Innovation within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet had 6 staff, whose duties included support for the Western Australian Science Council (WASC) as part of their overall duties.

The six staff members comprised:

Position - Manager, Science Policy, OSI. Task - provide policy advice.

Position - Senior Policy Officer, OSI. Task - provide policy advice.

Position - Senior Project Officer. Task - prepare meeting agendas, documents.

Position - Project Officer. Task - organise WASC meetings (dates, times, venue, catering, parking, sending out documents).

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Position - Administrative Assistant. Task - organise WASC meetings (dates, times, venue, catering, parking, sending out documents).

(2)   The staff listed above were funded by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The total salary cost of the staff members based on levels is estimated to have been in the order of $338 000.00 (as at 5 November 2006). However, the total cost attributed to WASC would have been a proportion of this amount as the staff were also carrying out other duties.

(3)   There are currently four staff available to support WASC as part of their overall duties.