

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, COST SAVINGS FROM THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES

534. Hon C L Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture; Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
- (1) I refer to the Report of the Taskforce Established to Review the Machinery of Western Australia's Government and ask what cost savings are to result through the integration of services?
  - (2) How are these cost savings to be realised?
  - (3) Will the abolition of Public Sector positions be incorporated into the realisation of the cost savings?
  - (4) If so, how many positions have been identified for abolition?
  - (5) Will the vacancy of public sector positions be incorporated into the realisation of the cost savings?
  - (6) If so, how many positions have been identified to be retained as vacant?
  - (7) What classification levels are the positions identified for abolition?
  - (8) What classification levels are the positions identified for vacancy?

Mr LOGAN replied:

Department of Agriculture

- (1) The Machinery of Government report recommended that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Fisheries and the Forest Products Commission should continue as separate entities
- (2)-(8) Not Applicable

Department of Fisheries

- (1) The Machinery of Government report recommended that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Fisheries and the Forest Products Commission should continue as separate entities.
- (2) Notwithstanding (1) above, cost savings of \$96,821 have been identified to date through the abolition of one senior executive service position.
- (3)-(8) Not Applicable

Forest Products Commission

- (1) The Machinery of Government report recommended that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Fisheries and the Forest Products Commission should continue as separate entities.
- (2)-(8) Not Applicable

Mid West Development Commission

- (1)-(8) The Review of the Machinery of Government Taskforce has not had any direct impact on the Mid West Development Commission at this time. The questions are therefore not applicable.

Great Southern Development Commission

- (1)-(8) The Review of the Machinery of Government Taskforce has not had any direct impact on the Great Southern Development Commission at this time. The questions are therefore not applicable.

Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (1)-(8) The Review of the Machinery of Government Taskforce has not had any direct impact on the Wheatbelt Development Commission at this time. The questions are therefore not applicable.