

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, COST OF SENIOR EXECUTIVE SEVERANCES

561. Hon C L Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) In light of the State Government's stated intention to cull at least 60 senior executive jobs over the next four years, for departments, agencies and statutory authorities under the control of the Premier what is the dollar value of severances paid as part of the 60 severances in the 2000/2001 financial year?
- (2) How many severances does (1) relate to?
- (3) In respect to (2) what is the dollar value of the severances to be absorbed by agencies?
- (4) In respect to (2) how much is to be directly funded by Treasury?
- (5) In respect to (3), what services to the public of Western Australia will be sacrificed to pay for the cost of severances?
- (6) In respect to (5), if no services are affected, have the funds returned to Treasury?
- (7) If not, why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(4) In May 2001 the Government offered management initiated retirement packages to members of the Senior Executive Service. In 2000-01 twenty nine (29) officers accepted a management initiated retirement package. The total value of the packages was \$3,648,328. The table below shows the number and the value of retirements for each agency.

MANAGEMENT INITIATED RETIREMENTS (MIRs) PAID IN 2000-01

Agency	Number of MIRs Accepted	Approved Amount of MIRs
Department of Agriculture WA	1	\$114,009
Department of Commerce and Trade	1	\$36,963
East Perth Redevelopment Authority	1	\$124,696
Education Department of Western Australia	4	\$619,065
Department of Education Services	1	\$115,964
Department of Environmental Protection	1	\$172,898
Department of Family and Children's Services	3	\$346,269
FESA	1	\$110,961
Health Department of Western Australia	1	\$281,961
Ministry of Housing	1	\$114,536
Ministry of Justice	1	\$117,173
Department of Land Administration	1	\$124,809
Department of Minerals and Energy	1	\$126,727
Ministry of the Premier and Cabinet	1	\$96,966
Police Service	1	\$111,470
Department of Productivity and Labour Relations	1	\$115,557
Department of Training and Employment	2	\$220,181
Department of Transport	2	\$222,871
Tourism Commission	1	\$105,440
Water and Rivers Commission	1	\$119,865
WorkSafe WA	2	\$249,947
TOTAL	29	\$3,648,328

Note: Some agencies now have new names and/or have been amalgamated with other agencies

- (5) Nil
- (6)-(7) The budgets of the relevant agencies will reflect adjustments that are equivalent to the full cost of the positions from which officers have retired.