

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, STAFF AND SALARIES

1024. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Health

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 247 concerning staffing and salary issues, and to the State Labor Government's election promise on openness and accountability and ask -

- (a) how does the Minister reconcile the answer given when six Ministers have responded in detail;
- (b) will the Minister now answer Question 247; and
- (c) if not, why not?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (a) The capacity of other Ministers to provide answers to question on notice No. 247 is dependent on the size and complexity of their departments and agencies and the configuration of the human resource systems in those organisations. The Department of Health does not have a central human resource system: the systems are devolved and managed locally. This presents considerable technical difficulties in accessing detailed historical information.
- (b) No.
- (c) This information is not readily available and the provision of this information would require considerable research which would divert staff away from their normal duties and I am still not prepared to allocate the State's resources to provide a response. If the Member has a specific inquiry I will endeavour to provide a reply.