

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, LEAVE ACCRUAL LIABILITY

**231. HON DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Minister for Fisheries:**

- (1) Has it been brought to the minister's attention that the Auditor General reported in the "Public Sector Performance Report, No 1 of May 2005" that the Department of Fisheries had a leave accrual liability equivalent of 15 per cent of payroll?
- (2) If yes, can the minister tell the house what action is being taken to reduce that liability?
- (3) If no to (1), will the minister make inquiries and report to the house accordingly?

**Hon JON FORD replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) Yes. I am aware of the liability issue.
- (2) I have asked my ministry staff to talk to the Auditor General to get the details of the concerns.
- (3) I intend to ask my agency to look at strategies to adopt to reduce that liability. I am happy to report those strategies back to the house.