

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN, OFFICERS ATTENDING CORPORATE EXECUTIVE, PLANNING OR  
MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

951. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 279 concerning corporate executive, planning and management meetings and ask -

- (a) in line with the State Labor Government's election promise to the public of Western Australia on openness and accountability, the *WA Business News* article of 23 August 2001, entitled 'Accountability needed, not more posturing' and that three Ministers have provided detailed answers, will the Premier now provide a detailed answer to question on notice No. 279; and
- (b) if not, why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (a) Section 74 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 requires me to make written arrangements relating to my agencies setting out the manner and circumstances in which communications are to be made between ministerial officers and agency employees. I have these arrangements in place and they specifically include meetings between ministerial staff and agency officers.

Accordingly, it is not considered necessary to maintain specific records relating to meetings attended by ministerial staff. No ministerial officers sit on the corporate executive of any of my agencies and attendance at meetings involving matters of a strategic nature must be referred to the Chief Executive Officer in all instances.

- (b) Not applicable.