

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, INTEGRATION OF SERVICES, COST SAVINGS

527. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Water Resources

- (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?

Dr EDWARDS replied:

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority:

- (1) No cost savings are presently identified for BGPA through the integration of services.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.
- (4) N/A.
- (5) N/A.
- (6) N/A.
- (7) N/A.
- (8) N/A.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management:

- (1) No services of the Department of Conservation and Land Management have been integrated with those of another agency by the Taskforce Established to Review the Machinery of Western Australia's Government.
- (2)-(8) Not applicable.

The Conservation Commission of WA:

Not Applicable.

Heritage Council of Western Australia:

- (1) The Heritage Council has not, at this time, identified cost savings through the integration of services.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) No.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) Not applicable.

The Office of Water Regulation:

- (1) With regard to the formation of an economic regulator, structure and working arrangements are yet to be decided.

Transfer of Plumber Licensing to the Department of Employment and Consumer Protection will be cost neutral.

Transfer of the Rural Water Program to the Department of Conservation, Water and Catchment Management will be cost neutral.

- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Not Applicable
- (4) Not Applicable
- (5) Not Applicable
- (6) Not Applicable
- (7) Not Applicable
- (8) Not Applicable

The Water and Rivers Commission/Department of Environmental Protection:

- (1) The report of the taskforce established to review the Machinery of Western Australia's Government did not identify specific savings. Integration of services is not complete so any potential savings are unknown. Integration and upgrading services is the focus not cost savings.
- (2) Answered by (1).
- (3) Answered by (1).
- (4) Answered by (1).
- (5) Answered by (1).
- (6) Answered by (1).
- (7) Answered by (1).
- (8) Answered by (1).

The Perth Zoological Gardens:

- (1)-(8) The review process of the Machinery of Government did not identify any changes to Perth Zoo or any resultant cost savings.