

**DIVISION 7: OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR STANDARDS COMMISSIONER -**

*Supplementary Information No A61*

*Question: Mr McRae asked how the Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner is doing with its diversity index.*

*Answer:* The 1996 Census showed that 12% of the Western Australian population are from culturally diverse backgrounds. This includes people who were born overseas in countries other than the mainly English speaking countries of Britain, Ireland, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

Currently the Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner has three out of thirty staff from culturally diverse backgrounds working in the office and a fourth staff member on secondment elsewhere. This is 10% of total staff compared to 4.3% for the sector as a whole. These staff are working in jobs that range from level 1 to Level 5.

In addition the office has one Indigenous staff member. This is 3% of staff and is comparable with the Western Australian population percentage. In addition another Indigenous staff member is about to commence a secondment to the Office. These staff are working in the office in jobs from Level 5 to Class 1.

*Supplementary Information No A62*

*Question: Mrs Edwardes sought information about an item on page 137 of the Statement of Financial Performance that indicated that the Full Time Equivalents (FTE) have increased to 29. The member asked what the extra four FTEs related to and were these to carry out a new function.*

*Answer:* The response provided at the time indicated the additional FTE related to the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2002 (whistleblowing legislation), which is yet to be finalised by the Parliament. However, further examination of the Statement of Financial Performance indicates this is not the case.

The information provided in that Statement was an estimate of the FTE use by the OPSSC for the 2002/03 year. This shows that the OPSSC will use 29 FTE, as opposed to the 25 FTE previously used in 2000/01, and the 25 FTE estimated actual for 2001/02.

The FTE allocation to the OPSSC is 31.3 FTE.

Accordingly, the four FTE that will be used during 2002/03 by the OPSSC, will be to continue its existing function, and not the implementation of any new activity.