

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — SPECIAL ADVISER

672. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer again to the creation of the position of special adviser, regulatory reform, within the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the appointment of an individual to that role without a merit selection process.

- (1) Noting the reluctance of the minister to table the key performance indicators relevant to this position when previously asked, is there a job description form or similar document detailing the roles and responsibilities of the incumbent?
- (2) If yes, can the minister please table that form?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(2) The special adviser, regulatory reform, is a CEO who has been transferred to the performance of other functions under section 50 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994. People employed under section 50 of the act can be deployed by the Public Sector Commissioner to functions or projects as needed. The special adviser regulatory reform at the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation was created to lead the implementation phase of the Streamline WA approvals reform project. The Public Sector Commissioner approved the move of the employee from the Department of Treasury to Water and Environmental Regulation. This occurred as DWER was given responsibility for the implementation phase of the Streamline WA approvals reform initiative.