

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, UNFILLED POSITIONS

1850. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

- (1) How many unfilled positions are there in the portfolios of the Minister?
- (2) Of those positions that are unfilled, how many are occupied in an acting position?
- (3) What is the length of time each position has had an occupant in an acting position?

Mr LOGAN replied:

Department of Agriculture

- (1) Currently 196 unfilled positions, however it is expected that 92 of these positions will be filled via current recruitment and selection processes as well as internal transfers of staff. Consequently, it is expected that the number of unfilled positions will be approximately 104.
- (2) Of the 104 expected on-going vacancies, 42 of these positions are currently filled by acting arrangements.
- (3)
 - 4 x 1 month
 - 2 x 2 months
 - 5 x 4 months
 - 2 x 5 months
 - 4 x 6 months
 - 3 x 7 months
 - 2 x 8 months
 - 2 x 11 months
 - 2 x 13 months
 - 1 x 14 months
 - 1 x 15 months
 - 3 x 16 months
 - 1 x 17 months
 - 1 x 18 months
 - 1 x 25 months
 - 1 x 26 months
 - 2 x 28 months
 - 3 x 29 months
 - 2 x 37 months

Department of Fisheries

- (1) 40
- (2) 8
- (3)
 - 1 x 2 months
 - 1 x 3.5 months
 - 2 x 12 months
 - 2 x 18 months
 - 1 x 19 months
 - 1 x 19.5 months

Forest Products Commission

- (1) 28
- (2) 24 positions are occupied by a person who is temporarily deployed to that position. Therefore, while all of these people could be said to be acting, not all are receiving payment for higher duties.
- (3) 1 x L8 position (Executive Officer) is filled by the secondment of a level 8 officer from another agency.
 - 1 x L2 position has been filled via a secondment for 5 months.
 - 1 x L3 position has been filled via a secondment for 14 months.

The remaining 25 positions have been vacant since the creation of the Forest Products Commission. Each of these has been filled on a temporary deployment basis until the 'top down' process of selection

and recruitment can be completed for the entire agency. 9 of these positions are currently undergoing the selection and recruitment process.

Mid West Development Commission

- (1) One
- (2) One
- (3) 7.5 months

Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (1) One
- (2) Nil
- (3) Not applicable

Great Southern Development Commission

- (1) Nil
- (2)-(3) Not applicable