

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, SENIOR EXECUTIVE SEVERANCES

616. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming; Minister assisting the Treasurer
- (1) In light of the State Government's stated intention to cull at least 60 senior executive jobs over the next four years, for departments, agencies and statutory authorities under the control of the Minister what is the dollar value of severances estimated as part of the 60 severances in the 2003/2004 financial year?
  - (2) How many severances does (1) relate to?
  - (3) In respect to (2) what is the dollar value of the severances estimated to be absorbed by agencies?
  - (4) In respect to (2) how much is estimated to be directly funded by Treasury?
  - (5) In respect to (3), what services to the public of Western Australia is estimated to be sacrificed to pay for the cost of severances?
  - (6) In respect to (5), if no services are affected, have the estimated funds returned to Treasury?
  - (7) If not, why not?

Mr RIPPER replied:

- (1)-(7) No decisions have been made about further severances or management initiated retirements in future years.