

MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT OF MR MICHAEL THORN

322. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for State Development; Tourism; Small Business; Goldfields-Esperance
- (1) Was Mr Michael Thorn working in the Minister's office in a voluntary or any other capacity prior to being appointed, and if so, from what date?
 - (2) What date was he formally appointed?
 - (3) Was the Minister aware that during this period of time, Mr Thorn was employed by the Metropolitan Perth Area Consultative Committee?
 - (4) When did the Minister first discuss with Mr Thorn, him working in your Ministerial office either in a voluntary or paid capacity?
 - (5) Is the Minister aware that Mr Thorn has commenced an unfair dismissal application against the Metropolitan Perth Area Consultative Committee?
 - (6) What is the role of Mr Thorn?
 - (7) What level of remuneration and other benefits does Mr Thorn receive?
 - (8) What classification level does he hold?
 - (9) Is Mr Thorn's employment subject to a term of Government appointment?
 - (10) If not, why not?

Mr BROWN replied:

- (1) From 16 February 2001, Mr Thorn volunteered his services.
- (2) 8 March 2001.
- (3) I understand Mr Thorn was not employed when he commenced employment as my Chief of Staff.
- (4) 16 February 2001.
- (5) I am now aware.
- (6) He was Chief of Staff.
- (7) He had Level 9 access to Government Vehicle Scheme, mobile telephone, home computer access, credit cards.
- (8) He was classified as Level 9.
- (9) No, a three-month contract.
- (10) He was engaged on a short-term contract which has now expired.