

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, INTEGRATION OF SERVICES, COST SAVINGS

526. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) I refer to the Report of the Taskforce Established to Review the Machinery of Western Australia's Government and ask what cost savings are to result through the integration of services?
- (2) How are these cost savings to be realised?
- (3) Will the abolition of Public Sector positions be incorporated into the realisation of the cost savings?
- (4) If so, how many positions have been identified for abolition?
- (5) Will the vacancy of public sector positions be incorporated into the realisation of the cost savings?
- (6) If so, how many positions have been identified to be retained as vacant?
- (7) What classification levels are the positions identified for abolition?
- (8) What classification levels are the positions identified for vacancy?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1)-(2) The Report of the Taskforce Established to Review the Machinery of Western Australia's Government titled "Government Structures for Better Results" set out the objectives for reform on page 18 and following.

These objectives do not make specific mention of "cost savings".

The question is predicated on assumptions that are not in keeping with the objectives of the Machinery of Government Reforms.

- (3)-(8) While there will be some restructuring of positions in the formation of the new department, no details on affected positions are available at this time. It is intended that any restructuring will be on a cost neutral basis.