

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND WA PLANNING COMMISSION —  
FTE CEILING AND BUDGET REDUCTIONS

**923. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the Treasurer's and Premier's statement of 26 September 2012 announcing an immediate lowering of the ceiling of full-time employees and a 1.5 per cent reduction in 2012–13 budgets for consumables.

- (1) What is the revised FTE ceiling as a result of the announcement in each of the following service areas —
  - (a) integrated land and infrastructure policy development—Department of Planning;
  - (b) land accessibility planning and policy development—Department of Planning;
  - (c) statutory planning—WA Planning Commission;
  - (d) strategic planning—WA Planning Commission; and
  - (e) asset management—WA Planning Commission?
- (2) What was the vacancy level in each of those service areas at the time of the announcement?
- (3) What is the dollar figure of the 1.5 per cent cut in purchasing consumables in each of those service areas?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)
  - (a) It is 155.
  - (b) It is 329.
  - (c)–(e) Nil. The Western Australian Planning Commission does not employ staff; services are provided by the Department of Planning.
- (2) Based on the new FTE ceiling, the vacancy level was zero.
- (3) Not applicable. The 1.5 per cent cut did not apply to the Department of Planning.