

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, INVESTIGATION INTO LATE JOB APPLICATION

66. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) Is the Public Sector Standards Commissioner investigating a complaint in the Ministry of Justice concerning the acceptance of a late application for a position in the Ministry of Justice?
- (2) Has the investigation been completed?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What are the elements of the complaint?
- (5) Has the Commissioner determined a finding?
- (6) If not, why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1) An examination was undertaken and has been completed.
- (2) Answered by (1).
- (3) It was alleged that the Ministry of Justice accepted a late application for the position of Director, Operational Services, and that the Ministry had not informed an applicant about their right to lodge a breach of Standard claim under the Public Sector Standards (Review Procedures) Regulations 1995.
- (4) In regard to the late application:  
  
It was the Commissioner's opinion that the Ministry of Justice breached s.8(1)(b) of the Public Sector Management Act 1994, and the Recruitment, Selection and Appointment Standard in accepting the late application.  
  
In regard to the access to the Breach Regulations:  
  
It was the Commissioner's opinion that the Ministry had complied with its obligations under the Regulations.
- (5) Answered by (4) above.