

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT 1984

5428. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) By agency, please name each position for which an exception 50(d) under the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*, applied as at 1 July 2007?
- (2) Which of these positions has had the 50(d) exception removed as at 28 August 2007?
- (3) Will further positions have the 50(d) exception removed in the next 12 months?
- (4) If yes to (3), which positions are being considered for removal of the 50(d) exception?
- (5) Were all Aboriginal staff whose positions were covered by the 50(d) exception counselled prior to removal of the exception up until 28 August 2007?
- (6) If no to (5), which staff in which positions were not counselled?
- (7) Why were the staff referred to in (6), not counselled?
- (8) Will all staff whose positions will be affected by (4), be consulted prior to a decision to remove the 50(d) exception?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

Department of Environment and Conservation

- (1) As at 1 July 2007, a 50(d) exception applied to the following positions:
 - (a) Aboriginal Cultural and Community Coordinator
 - (b) Senior Aboriginal Heritage Officer
 - (c) Indigenous Heritage Officer (four positions)
 - (d) Business Development Coordinator
 - (e) Indigenous Liaison Officer
 - (f) Aboriginal Training Officer (two positions)
 - (g) South West Aboriginal Training Supervisor
 - (h) Mentored Aboriginal Traineeship and Employment Scheme Trainee (19 positions)
 - (i) Indigenous Cadet (three positions)
- (2) As at 28 August 2007, none of the positions has had the 50(d) exception removed.
- (3) It is not anticipated that any positions will have the 50(d) exception removed in the next 12 months.
- (4)-(8) Not applicable.

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority; Swan River Trust & Zoological Parks Authority

- (1) Nil.
- (2)-(8) Not applicable.