

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, COST OF SENIOR EXECUTIVE SEVERANCES

575. Hon C L Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) In light of the State Government's stated intention to cull at least 60 senior executive jobs over the next four years, for departments, agencies and statutory authorities under the control of the Premier what is the dollar value of severances estimated as part of the 60 severances in the 2001/2002 financial year?
- (2) How many severances does (1) relate to?
- (3) In respect to (2) what is the dollar value of the severances estimated to be absorbed by Treasury?
- (4) In respect to (2) how much is estimated to be directly funded by Treasury?
- (5) In respect to (3), what services to the public of Western Australia is estimated to be sacrificed to pay for the cost of severances?
- (6) In respect to (5), if no services are affected, have the estimated funds returned to Treasury?
- (7) If not, why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(4) In May 2001 the Government offered management initiated retirement packages to members of the Senior Executive Service. In 2001-02 six (6) officers have accepted a management initiated retirement package. The total value of the packages was \$713,368. The table below shows the number and the value of retirements for each agency.

MANAGEMENT INITIATED RETIREMENTS (MIRs) PAID IN 2001-02
AS AT 16 OCTOBER 2001

Agency	Number of MIRs Accepted	Approved Cost of MIRs
Department of Education	1	\$105,196
Department of Environmental Protection	1	\$119,138
Department of Health	1	\$128,136
Department for Planning and Infrastructure	1	\$118,062
Department of Treasury and Finance	2	\$242,836
TOTAL	6	\$713,368

- (5) Nil
- (6)-(7) The budgets of the relevant agencies will reflect adjustments that are equivalent to the full cost of the positions from which officers have retired.