

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE POSITIONS, SELECTION PROCESS

1305. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education

I refer to the recent expressions of interest for senior executive service positions in the Education Department and ask -

- (a) who was the standards auditor monitoring the process of selection;
- (b) who were the members of the selection panel for each of the positions;
- (c) have recommendations from the panel been made in respect to each of the positions;
- (d) if so, on what date were recommendations made and to whom;
- (e) if not, on what date is it anticipated recommendations will be made;
- (f) on what date was the announcement of the successful applicants to be made;
- (g) were they made on that date;
- (h) if not, why not;
- (i) were the recommendations discussed with the Minister or any member of the Minister's staff, in the Minister's office, by the panel or any other person;
- (j) if so, on what date did this occur and with whom;
- (k) did the Minister accept the recommendations of the panel;
- (l) if not, why not;
- (m) did the Minister or any of the Minister's staff, in the Minister's office, discuss the recommendations with the Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (n) which recommendations did the Minister not agree to; and
- (o) was any suggestion or direction given to any person by the Minister, or any member of the Minister's staff, in the Minister's office, or any other person, not to progress the recommendations of the panel?

Mr CARPENTER replied:

- a) Prudence Ford
- b) Mr Ron Mance  
Dr Ruth Shean  
Mr John Ryan
- c) Yes
- d) The recommendations were finalised on Friday 16 November 2001. The Director General from the Department of Premier and Cabinet requested that senior executive appointments in the Department, both acting and substantive, be put on hold, as the appointment of the new Director General is imminent. The Acting Director General of Education agreed to this request.
- e) Not applicable
- f) Not applicable
- g) Not applicable
- h) Not applicable
- i) Yes
- j) On the 14 November 2001, the A/Director General of Education briefed the Minister for Education.
- k) Not applicable
- l) Not applicable
- m) No
- n) Not applicable
- o) No