

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — TASKFORCES

277. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Science and Innovation

- (1) How many taskforces currently exist in Departments and Agencies in the Minister's portfolios?
- (2) What are those taskforces?
- (3) Who are the members of each of these taskforces and what remuneration will each of these people receive?
- (4) When is each taskforce due to report?
- (5) Will each report be tabled in Parliament?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:

- (1) One taskforce is currently in existence.
- (2) Under the auspices of the Premier's Science and Innovation Council (PSIC), the Women Engineers and Scientists Taskforce (WEST) currently operates.
- (3) The members of WEST are:  
Dr Pam Garnett \*, Dean of Curriculum, St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls;  
Professor Lyn Beazley, Chief Scientist of Western Australia;  
Dr Debby Cousins \*, Director Application and Linkage, Australian Biosecurity CRC for Emerging Infectious Disease;  
Professor Richard Pashley \*, ARC Professorial Fellow, Murdoch University;  
Ms Deidre Wilmont, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier;  
Ms Janice Lake, Engineers Australia;  
Ms Keeley Hayward, General Manager, Human Resources; Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA;  
Ms Sue Murphy, General Manager, Planning and Infrastructure, Water Corporation; and  
Ms Sarah Bugg, Executive Project Manager, Scitech.  
Note: Members of the above taskforce are only paid if they are existing members of PSIC. PSIC members as indicated above with an asterisk (\*) receive \$350 per meeting.
- (4) WEST is finalising a report entitled, "Participation of Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths", which will shape future Council and taskforce activity.
- (5) No.
- (6) The WEST taskforce research is being undertaken for the Premier's Science and Innovation Council so that the Council can gain an understanding of the current situation of women in science.