

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION —  
PROJECT APPROVALS — FRONTLINE OFFICERS

**243. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

Two questions in one day. That is lucky.

I refer to the 2021–22 state budget allocation of a \$120 million package to recruit 150 frontline officers to speed up project approvals across five agencies, including the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

- (1) Prior to the budget announcement, how many frontline officers by FTE and headcount at DWER were primarily performing approvals tasks?
- (2) As of today, how many frontline officers by FTE and headcount are performing approvals tasks at DWER?

**Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Environment.

- (1) As at 8 July 2021, 218.8 FTE and 242 headcount.
- (2) As at 3 March 2022, 237.73 FTE and 263 headcount. It is not possible to provide figures as at today's date within the parliamentary response time frame.