

REDUNDANCY PACKAGES, PUBLIC SECTOR, SENIOR EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

122. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that 422 senior executive personnel have been offered redundancy packages?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that only 26 applications for redundancy packages have been received?
- (3) Is it correct that the target is 60 senior executive jobs to be culled from the public sector?
- (4) If only 26 applications are received, will government apply involuntary redundancy to achieve its target of 60 senior executive jobs?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Senior executive service members have been invited to express an interest in being offered a management-initiated retirement package.
- (2) As at 28 May 2001, 35 members of the senior executive service had expressed interest in being offered a management-initiated retirement package.
- (3)-(4) In the Premier's statement to Parliament on reforms in the machinery of Western Australian government on 3 May 2001, it was stated that the Government is committed to reducing the number of senior executives by 60 positions, or 14 per cent. It is intended that this will occur over a four-year time frame. A previous commitment was also repeated in that there will be no involuntary redundancies.