

FRONTLINE STAFF — PROJECT APPROVALS

185. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Treasurer:

My question without notice was originally directed to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer, but I note he is not here.

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.

- (1) Are the 150 frontline positions full-time equivalent positions; and, if not, please account for any discrepancy?
- (2) Prior to the budget announcement, how many frontline officers, by FTE and headcount, primarily performing approvals tasks were employed by the five agencies?
- (3) As of today, how many frontline officers, by FTE and headcount, are performing approvals tasks across the five agencies?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the member for some notice of the question and provide the following answer on behalf of the Treasurer.

- (1)–(3) The Department of Treasury advises that this information is not held by the department and should instead be directed to each of the relevant agencies: the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety; the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation; and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.