

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, COST SAVINGS FROM THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES

531. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Education; Sport and Recreation; Indigenous Affairs
- (1) I refer to the Report of the Taskforce Established to Review the Machinery of Western Australia's Government and ask what cost savings are to result through the integration of services?
  - (2) How are these cost savings to be realised?
  - (3) Will the abolition of Public Sector positions be incorporated into the realisation of the cost savings?
  - (4) If so, how many positions have been identified for abolition?
  - (5) Will the vacancy of public sector positions be incorporated into the realisation of the cost savings?
  - (6) If so, how many positions have been identified to be retained as vacant?
  - (7) What classification levels are the positions identified for abolition?
  - (8) What classification levels are the positions identified for vacancy?

Mr CARPENTER replied:

Western Australian Institute of Sport

- (1) There will be no cost savings at WAIS as a result of the Machinery of Government Taskforce. However it can be noted that WAIS has made significant cost savings in the past 18 months through:
  - (a) A ten per cent reduction in staff (6.5 FTEs)
  - (b) An on-going policy of providing computer literacy courses for all technical staff (ie: coaches, program staff).

(2)-(8) Not applicable.

WA Sports Centre Trust

The Machinery of Government Taskforce recommended a review of the operations of the WA Sports Centre Trust.

Until such time as the review is carried out and its recommendations implemented, none of these questions can be addressed.

Department of Indigenous Affairs

- (1) The Machinery of Government Taskforce recommended no changes to services, but did recommend the Aboriginal Affairs Department be renamed the Department of Indigenous Affairs.
- (2) Not applicable.

Department of Education

- (1)-(8) The Machinery of Government report recommended that the Department of Education Services be abolished with continuing functions transferred to either the Department of Education or the Curriculum Council. No savings are expected in the Department of Education as a result of these changes.

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- (1)-(8) Still to be determined. The Machinery of Government report recommended that the Department of Education Services be abolished with continuing functions transferred to either the Department of Education or the Curriculum Council. As at 4 September 2001, one Senior Executive Service position within DES has been abolished as a result of proceeding with implementation of the Machinery of Government recommendations.

Curriculum Council

- (1)-(8) The Machinery of Government report recommended that the Department of Education Services be abolished with continuing functions transferred to either the Department of Education or the Curriculum Council. No savings are expected in the Curriculum Council as a result of these changes.

Country High School Hostels Authority

(1)-(8) Still to be determined. Under the Machinery of Government, the Country High Schools Hostel Authority is to be reviewed. Until such time as the review is carried out and its recommendations implemented, none of these questions can be addressed.

Department of Sport and Recreation

1. Still to be determined. Recommendations with sport and recreation portfolio were focussed on improving the effectiveness and overall integration of services.

2-8. Refer to answer 1.