

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — CLIMATE CHANGE UNIT

853. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Environment and Conservation's climate change unit.

- (1) Regarding the answer to question 837 in relation to the 4.8 FTEs allocated to the CCU in 2012–13, are any of these positions currently vacant or filled on an acting or non-ongoing basis?
- (2) What is the position title, level, role and responsibilities of each of the positions in the CCU?
- (3) What is the total funding allocation to the “Coordinate the Response to Climate Change” service for 2012–13?
- (4) What is the budget allocation to the CCU for 2012–13, and what is the component for staffing?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The positions are all permanent and currently filled. One is filled by a non-permanent employee while the incumbent is on maternity leave.
- (2) I will name the position title first, then the level and the responsibilities: assistant director climate change and strategic policy, level 9, leads climate change policy; principal policy officer (adaptation), specified calling 4, manages climate change adaptation policy; project manager—low emissions energy development fund, specified calling 4, manages climate change adaptation and emissions mitigation projects; policy officer (adaptation), specified calling 2, provides research and advice on climate change adaptation policy; and principal policy officer (mitigation), level 7—0.8 FTE—manages greenhouse gas mitigation policy.
- (3) The budget target of \$13.008 million for the coordinate the response to climate change service is shown on page 807 of the 2012–13 budget statements.
- (4) The budget allocation for the climate change unit for 2012–13 is approximately \$620 000. This allocation does not include funding of the position of the project manager for the low emissions energy development fund, which is allocated from that fund, or the LEED funding itself. The budget allocation to the unit is substantially for staff.