

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, UNFUNDED SUPERANNUATION

3160. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

For all Departments and Agencies within the portfolio of the Minister -

- (a) for the financial year 2003/2004 what is the level of unfunded superannuation, in dollar terms;
- (b) what is the projected level of unfunded superannuation for the financial year 2004/2005;
- (c) do employees within your Department and Agencies have the right to nominate a preferred superannuation fund; and
- (d) if not, why not?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

- (a) Information is not available at a Department and Agency level.
- (b) Information is not available at a Department and Agency level.
- (c)-(d) Governments have traditionally held a policy that State Government Employees generally do not have the right to nominate a preferred superannuation fund. However, superannuation policy is constantly evolving and the Government will consider its position on choice of fund in light of the recent passage of the Commonwealth's Choice of Fund legislation, which will come into effect on 1 July 2005.