

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, MR LAWRENCE, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

522. Mr RIEBELING to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 2326 of 2000 and ask, is it correct that Mr Lawrence is paid -
  - (a) a level 8 salary; and
  - (b) an availability allowance?
- (2) If so, why was it considered appropriate for -
  - (a) a level 8 salary to be paid; and
  - (b) an availability allowance to be paid?
- (3) Did Mr Lawrence have the use of a private plated Government vehicle?
- (4) Does he still have the use of that vehicle?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) Does Mr Lawrence occupy the position of Assistant Superintendent (Business and Industry) at the C.W. Campbell Remand Centre / Canning Vale Prison?
- (7) Prior to Mr Lawrence occupying this position, who occupied it?
- (8) Is it a new position?
- (9) For what reason was it created?
- (10) Why is the position needed?
- (11) What experience does a person need to occupy the position?
- (12) What experience does Mr Lawrence have to occupy this position?
- (13) Has the Government rejected the finding made by the Royal Commission into the City of Wanneroo which found at its interim 1996 report quote I consider the conduct of both Mr Lawrence and Mr Grant to have been disgraceful.
- (14) Does this appointment indicate the Government has found no substance in the Royal Commission findings?
- (15) If not, why not?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

- (1) (a)-(b) Yes
- (2) (a) Mr Lawrence has a substantive level 8 classification.
  - (b) The Superintendent has determined that the nature of the work requires the incumbent to be on call.
- (3) Yes
- (4) No
- (5) When the private plated vehicle was due for replacement Mr Lawrence elected to withdraw from the Executive Vehicle Scheme.
- (6) That is his substantive position, however as previously advised Mr Lawrence has, since November 1998 been heading the project team involved in the redevelopment of the Hakea site.
- (7) It was a new position.
- (8) Yes, (see 7).
- (9) To manage all activities related to prisoner programmes and development and to manage resource use within the remand centre.
- (10) To manage the business and industry program at the site.
- (11)-(12)

Broad based prison experience, including line management at operational and administrative levels.

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There were no adverse findings made against Mr Lawrence in the Royal Commission's final report. Both the Public Sector Standards Commission and an independent legal practitioner scrutinised the

evidence and confirmed that there was neither criminal nor administrative impropriety on Mr Lawrence's part.