

ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES — CONSULTANTS

868. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the employment of consultants by environmental agencies. Over the last five years, how many Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions officers resigned from the public service and were subsequently rehired by those agencies as consultants?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

The production of this information will divert staff resources from their usual work, and it is not possible to provide the information requested in the time frame. I request that the member place this question on notice.