

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, STAFF, SICK LEAVE

1742. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

- (1) How many sick days were taken by State Public Servants for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003?
- (2) For each of the financial years, what was the cost to Western Australian taxpayers of the sick days?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1) The information is only available for two of the financial years for full time permanent public sector employees (rather than State public servants). Information for the 2002/03 year is still being collated.

The estimated number of days and estimated cost for paid sick leave are as follows:

Year	Employees	Sick Leave Days
2000/01	52,700	347,000
2001/02	53,700	318,000

- (2) Any actual cost of sickness absence occurs only where there is a need to provide replacement staff or where there is a loss of productivity. Information of this kind is not readily available.