

Division 34: Office of the Information Commissioner, \$1 220 000 -

Ms Guise, Chairman.

Mr McGinty, Attorney General; Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Peel and the South West.

Ms B. Keighley-Gerardy, Information Commissioner.

The CHAIRMAN: Members, the question is that in respect to division 34, appropriation be recommended.

Mrs EDWARDES: I only have one question on this section, Attorney. There is a significant cut in the funds. In real terms it is 11.3 per cent and obviously the issue is in terms of really provision of information, the question of accountability. What programs and/or services will be cut in an endeavour to meet that shortfall?

Mr McGINTY: I will ask the information commissioner to respond to that question.

Ms KEIGHLEY-GERARDY: There will be no cut in programs or services. Earlier this year I lost one of my employees to another office and as a result of that departure I restructured in the office, changed duties, reviewed some of our processes and procedures and we have moved more towards electronic transfer of information between our office and agencies and we have been able to maintain output with a reduced budget and a reduced FTE.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is that in respect to division 34, appropriation be recommended. That is carried.