

PUBLIC SECTOR REVIEW TASK FORCE, REDUCTION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NUMBERS

341. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Public Sector Management

I refer the Premier to his Media Statement of 11 March 2001 in respect to the appointment of a Public Sector Review Taskforce and ask -

- (a) has the Cabinet, which recently met in Albany, considered an agenda item reducing the number of Chief Executive Officers in the State Public Sector;
- (b) was this a recommendation of the Public Sector Review Taskforce;
- (c) if not, where did the recommendation originate from;
- (d) how many Chief Executive Officers were to lose their positions;
- (e) have they been consulted;
- (f) if not, why not;
- (g) in the interest of openness with the public was a post Cabinet briefing held by the Premier with the media outlining the reasons why Cabinet deferred the agenda item; and
- (h) if not why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (a)-(h) The Machinery of Government Taskforce has yet to finalise its report, however, the Government will reduce the number of Senior Executive Service Officers by 60 in accordance with its election commitments. In addition, in my 3 May Ministerial Statement I advised that the Government would reduce the number of Government Departments and this will ultimately lead to a reduction in the number of Chief Executive Officers.