

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, CLOSURES IN REGIONAL AREAS

22. Mrs EDWARDES to the Premier:

- (1) Having appointed the Public Sector Review Taskforce, will the Premier give an assurance that no Regional or District Office or any other Government Department or Agency Office in Country/Regional Western Australia will be closed?
- (2) If not, why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(2) This Government is firmly committed to strengthening and promoting the interests of regional communities. My statement to Parliament of 3 May reaffirms the Government's commitment to this objective through the proposal to create a new Department of Regional Development and Local Government. The Machinery of Government Taskforce is required to make recommendations about the broad structure of Government and is not examining the organisational arrangements of individual agencies.