

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — STAFF

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

I refer to Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's resourcing of service 4, "Environmental Regulation", as it appears in the budget.

- (1) What will happen to the additional temporary staff recruited within the 2020–21 financial year; will they remain in their current position or go elsewhere?
- (2) What is the breakdown by job description and level of the 50.5 FTEs who will be recruited to manage the significant volume of new and existing applications for industry regulation and environmental approvals?
- (3) From where will these people be recruited and by when?
- (4) What will be the impact if recruitment efforts are unsuccessful?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Any fixed term contract staff who are available and suitable for current and future employment will be considered for appointment in accordance with public sector recruitment standards.
- (2) The breakdown for the FTE relating to service 4, "Environmental Regulation", are detailed in the attached paper, which I will table shortly. The 50.5 FTEs includes other service areas and these have not been included.

[See paper [570](#).]

- (3) Recruitment is undertaken through a range of local and social media recruitment channels and networks, including Jobs WA and the Aboriginal Service Board. The recruitment processes are underway.
- (4) These are permanent public sector positions and recruitment will result in hire. Available staffing resources are continually reviewed for effective allocation to workload.