

CHIEF SCIENTIST DR BRUCE HOBBS - RESIGNATION

229. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation:

- (1) Has Dr Bruce Hobbs, the first Chief Scientist for WA, appointed in 2003, left the public service?
- (2) When did he leave?
- (3) Did Dr Hobbs resign or were his services terminated?
- (4) What were the reasons for the changes in Dr Hobbs' employment?
- (5) Will he be replaced; and, if so, when and by whom?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am advised in the following terms -

- (1)-(2) Dr Hobbs' resignation takes effect as of 4 May 2006.
- (3) Dr Hobbs resigned.
- (4) Dr Hobbs has stated that he is keen to pursue his research interests.
- (5) Dr Hobbs' resignation was not anticipated; therefore, no potential replacements have been considered.