

SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY PROJECT

30. Hon MARGARET ROWE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation:

Will the minister please advise the house how many full-time staff in the Office of Science and Innovation have been allocated to work full time on securing the \$2 billion Square Kilometre Array project for Western Australia?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Margaret Rowe for providing notice of the question. The Minister for Science and Innovation has provided a response. However, I need to add to this response, because the question relates specifically to full-time staff, and also only to staff in the Office of Science and Innovation. Therefore, the answer to the question does not provide the total number of people engaged in the project. It provides only the number of people who fall within those two classifications. The answer is as follows -

The manager of international science infrastructure has been employed since July 2002. The main focus of this role is to work towards securing radioastronomy projects for the mid-west region of Western Australia. In addition, the allocation of full-time staff working to secure the Square Kilometre Array project includes the following: in 2003, one project officer; in 2004, one project officer; in 2005, two project officers; in 2006, one project officer, and a second project officer will be appointed in due course.