

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, STAFF, SICK LEAVE

2514. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer the Premier to the answer to question on notice No. 1742 (2) of August 2003, and ask -

- (a) does the Premier concede that lost time due to sickness must be covered by the employee working extra time to catch up or the employee's co-workers being required to do extra duties to cover for the missing employee;
- (b) does the Premier concede that the cost of the employee's pay, whilst sick, is the measure of cost to the employer; and
- (c) will the Premier now answer part (2) of question on notice No. 1742?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a)-(b) No.
- (c) Not applicable.