

ESTIMATES COMMITTEES — MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report — Presentation

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Leader of the House) [2.53 pm]: In accordance with standing orders, I present the report of the management committee for the estimates committee 2017 prescribing which parts of the estimates and off-budget public corporations will be considered by estimates committees A and B, and the time allocated for that consideration.

[See paper 710.]

Adoption of Report — Motion

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I move —

That the report be adopted.

The estimates management committee met prior to question time to ratify the report of the committee and the prescribed timetable for estimates. The recent machinery of government changes to rationalise the number of departments has meant that the estimates have been formatted differently this year. On a number of occasions throughout the budget papers, a division or service is listed as being the responsibility of more than one minister. For example, in division 21, Justice, the Attorney General is responsible for services 1 to 6, and the Minister for Corrective Services is responsible for services 7 and 8.

In addition, there are four occasions on which a service is listed as being the responsibility of more than one minister. For example, in division 7, Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, four ministers are responsible for delivering service 1. They are the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; the Minister for Tourism; Defence Issues; the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations; Asian Engagement; and the Minister for Innovation and ICT; Science.

In the schedule agreed to by the management committee, which has been tabled, where a division or service is the responsibility of more than one minister, it will appear under the name of each of those ministers, along with the relevant portfolio. This will be reflected in the Chair's statement that is read at the commencement of each committee division hearing and at each minister's appearance, and I quote —

If a division or service is the responsibility of more than one minister, a minister shall only be examined in relation to their portfolio responsibilities.

Obviously, this change was required because of the machinery of government changes earlier this year, and it needed to be reflected in a revised presentation of the estimates committees.

Question put and passed.