

WADE SCALE - MANAGEMENT OF CASE BY DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1408. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) Can the Minister advise the number of different case workers who worked on the Wade Scale case whilst he was a person of interest to the Department of Community Development?
- (2) If more than one, can the Minister advise the reasons for the turnover in case workers on each occasion?
- (3) Can the Minister advise the maximum number of cases that each case worker was dealing with at any one time whilst dealing with Wade Scale?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) There was one case manager for the family over a period of almost four years. Eight weeks before Wade's death another case manager was allocated the case. During the time Wade Scale was an open case, three co-workers assisted with the case.
- (2) Case manager one was appointed on 3 August 1999 and transferred to another District Office on 16 May 2003.

The second case manager was appointed on 16 May 2003 and resigned on 14 August 2003.

- (3) Case manager one had an average of eleven cases and a maximum of thirteen cases during the time period.

The second case manager had an average of ten and maximum of eleven cases during the period.

The three co workers had a maximum of fourteen, thirteen and seven cases during the period.