

Division 18: Peel Development Commission, \$228 000 —

Mr M.J. Cowper, Chairman.

Mr D.T. Redman, Minister for Regional Development.

Mr N. Baker, Chief Executive Officer.

Mr V. Smith, Corporate Services Manager.

[Witnesses introduced.]

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I have two very quick questions for the minister. First, how long has the Peel Development Commission had an acting chief executive officer? Second, when will the position be permanently filled? Can the minister answer those two questions, which I preface by acknowledging the tremendous work of Mr Baker? He has done a great job but I am very keen to know when we will see that position permanently filled.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I am advised that Norm has been in the acting position for eight months.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: But I understand there was an acting CEO position prior to that.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I am not aware of those numbers, but I can get them for the member. The process for the permanent appointment of that position is currently underway with the Public Sector Commissioner.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: When will we expect that appointment?

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I cannot give the member a time on that.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: It is important because it will be nearly a year since —

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I understand that. Currently, the process is underway with the Public Sector Commissioner. I can say it is in the very late stages.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Very quickly, in the budget papers under services and key efficiency indicators on page 208, the number of staff at the Peel Development Commission is shown as eight, but it will extend out to 10 staff. I assume that the new full-time equivalent positions are related to the Transform Peel project. However, the last dot point on page 206 states that there will be three new staff and the number of employees will rise to 10. I am wondering when that third position will come on stream? I assume it will be post-2016–17.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I will ask Norm if he would not mind responding to that question as acting chief executive officer.

Mr N. Baker: Two Transform Peel people will start in the next financial year, 2016–17, and the third will be in 2017–18.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Thank you.

The appropriation was recommended.