

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — PAUL ROSAIR

237. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Regional Development:

I have a supplementary question. I ask again: can the minister give a detailed reason for why he decided to remove Mr Rosair as director general of the department?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

Paul Rosair has been in the position for about five years. To his credit, he was the inaugural director general of the Department of Regional Development and Lands in rolling out a significant program in royalties for regions. He has done a fantastic job.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. Let the minister answer.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I think he has done a fantastic job in that.

Mr D.A. Templeman: So you sacked him!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: From my perspective as the Minister for Regional Development, I believe it is timely for a leadership change in the Department of Regional Development. That is the discussion I had with Paul Rosair last Tuesday. His tenure finishes at the end of June this year and we will transition into new leadership.