

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — PAUL ROSAIR

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

I refer to the end of Mr Paul Rosair's tenure as director general of the Department of Regional Development.

- (1) What were the exact circumstances and reasons behind Mr Rosair's removal as director general?
- (2) When will Mr Rosair's tenure end and will he be eligible for a payout?
- (3) Was any other agency involved in examining matters around the decision to end Mr Rosair's tenure?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

(1)–(3) I thank the member for Mandurah for the question. Last Tuesday afternoon I had an annual performance meeting with the director general of the Department of Regional Development, Paul Rosair. All ministers have these types of meetings with their agency heads. At that meeting I had a discussion with Paul Rosair about a number of things to do with leadership within the Department of Regional Development and directions that this government is taking with regional development. We came to a mutual agreement that he would finish his tenure and that we would have a change of leadership within the Department of Regional Development. That was the meeting then.

On the member's question about —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, are you taking over as the one for constant commentary? I call you to order for the first time.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: On the member's question about when: Paul Rosair finishes his term at the end of the financial year, so 30 June this year will be the end of his tenure. I think that is a good thing because there is time for transition and time for change. I have no issue with that. The process of transition we have embarked upon shows the relationship that we have.

The other question was about a payout. I am not yet aware of the payout circumstances. No doubt that will come to my attention as the Public Sector Commissioner works through that process. I do not see an issue with that. Paul Rosair is contracted to stay in that position until about March next year. I am assuming that there will be some undertaking as to the change in that contract and what has been agreed upon in terms of his tenure in that position.

The last question was: was any other agency involved? I am not aware of any other agency being involved in that decision. This was a decision that I took as the Minister for Regional Development with the director general last Tuesday evening.