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884. Dr D.J. Honey to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal–State Relations:

For all Agencies within your portfolio, by financial year, what is the number of full-time equivalent positions (FTE's) since 2016/17, including 2022/23?

**Mr R.H. Cook replied:**

The Public Sector Commission collects and reports workforce data from public sector agencies. This information is published quarterly by the Public Sector Commission, with the annual average tabled in Parliament each year in the *State of the WA Government Workforce Report*.

Since 2017–18, the majority of jobs added to the public service have been in frontline services, particularly health (53 per cent) and education (29 per cent), including:

2,713 FTE additional nurses and midwives.

1,490 FTE additional medical practitioners.

1,855 FTE additional teachers.

1,951 FTE additional education aides.

I note that the Member does not support the public service and has publicly stated that the Liberal Party would cut the public service if elected.