

STATE BUDGET, POST ELECTION SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

169. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources; Federal Affairs

I refer the Premier to the line item relating to Post Election Severances on page 79 of the 2005-2006 State Budget and ask -

- (a) Will you provide details of the \$1,700,000 amount in 2004-2005 and \$775,000 in 2005-2006;
- (b) what is the purpose of these severance payments;
- (c) Will you provide an itemised list of those officers who received a severance in 2004-2005, including a notation of those TOG officers who accepted severance; and
- (d) who, or which particular category of officers, will be offered severance in 2005-2006?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) Following the General election in February 2005, ministerial officers employed pursuant to section 68 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994, and electorate officers employed pursuant to the Parliamentary and Electorate Staff (Employment) Act 1992 were eligible to receive termination payments in accordance with their employment contracts. Funding of \$1,700,000 was provided for payments to be made in 2004-05. A further \$775,000 was provided in 2005-06 to allow for those ministerial officers that elected to defer their termination entitlements for three months beyond the day set for the return of the writ of election in the Legislative Assembly.
- (b) Termination benefits paid under these employment contracts include accrued and pro-rata annual leave, accrued long service leave (and in the case of ministerial officers, pro-rata long service leave), up to 4 weeks salary in payment in lieu of notice and up to a maximum of 46 weeks salary based upon length of service.
- (c) The following officers received termination payments up to and including 30 June 2005. With the exception of Mr Torrens who received a severance payment pursuant to the Public Sector Management (Redeployment and Redundancy) Regulations 1994, all were Ministerial (TOG) Officers or Electorate Officers.

MINISTERIAL (TOG) OFFICERS - Please refer to Attachment 1. [See paper 691.]

This information updates that provided by way of Supplementary Information A50 due to additional termination payments made since that response was submitted on 17 June 2005.

- (d) Funding of \$775,000 was provided in 2005-06 to cover officers who exercised their entitlement to defer the payment of their termination entitlements for three months until 14 July 2005. The following Ministerial Officers and Electorate Officers have been paid termination entitlements in 2005-06.

Executive and Administrative Services

Hudson, Edward John	Project Officer	\$83,505.76
Paddick, Brian Charles	Project Officer	\$69,262.70

Government Media Office

Clarke, Kristi Renae	Information Officer	\$44,251.39
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Hon C Brown MLA

Woon, Flora	Officer	\$10,227.79
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Hon A Carpenter MLA

Du Toit, Jenaya Rochelle	Receptionist/Admin Assistant	\$16,894.78
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Hon Dr J Edwards MLA

Quinn, Peter John	Principal Policy Adviser	\$33,326.96
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Hon N Griffiths MLC

Jager, Lenka Martha	Policy Officer	\$107,066.52
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Hon R Kucera MLA

Wilson, Jai	Senior Policy Adviser	\$31,569.56
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Hon A MacTiernan MLA

Buckle, Fiona Jane	Receptionist/Admin Asst	\$9,986.25
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Hon J McGinty MLA Thomas, Gail	Principal Policy Adviser	\$19,759.50
Hon S McHale MLA Cull, Linda Doran-Bryce, Samantha	Receptionist/Admin Asst Executive Officer	\$8,461.13 \$33,353.17
Hon E Ripper MLA De Soyza, Anne	Special Adviser	<u>\$58,021.63</u> \$328,667.29
J Hyde MLA O'Connor, Pauline	Electorate Officer	\$48,866.49
Hon D E Taylor MLC Smart, Nola Maree	Electorate Officer	\$47,663.42