

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1719. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) How many years did Dr Leela De Mel serve as Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests?
- (2) Was Dr Leela De Mel's position classified at Level 9 for the duration of her tenure?
 - (a) if not, what were the variations?
- (3) Is the current acting Executive Director, Mr Ellis Griffiths, being paid at the same level as Dr De Mel was?
 - (a) if not, what level is he on?
- (4) If Mr Ellis Griffiths is on a higher salary, is he undertaking any duties that are of a higher level which justifies a higher salary, and what are those duties?
- (5) For how long has Mr Griffiths been appointed to this position?
- (6) Who was responsible for selecting Mr Griffiths for this position, and where was he previously employed?
- (7) When and how will the position of Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests be filled on a permanent basis?
- (8) Given the government's so-called commitment to multiculturalism and substantive equality, will ethnic Western Australians have the opportunity to apply for the position of Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises:

- (1) 4 years
- (2)-(3) Yes
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) Mr Griffiths was appointed to act in the position from 22 June 2006
- (6) Mr Griffiths was on secondment from his home agency (Department of Culture and the Arts) to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet at the time the vacancy arose. The Office of Multicultural Interests is part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and it was determined by the Director General that Mr Griffiths had the necessary skills and experience to undertake the duties of the position on an interim basis until it is advertised and an appointment made on merit.
- (7) The position is expected to be advertised in the press and on the WA Job Board in the near future.
- (8) Anyone who believes they meet the selection criteria will be welcome to apply.