

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

6309. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to your advice in June 2009 of your intention to implement a new organisational structure for the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) establishing five new directorates, those being natural resource management and biosecurity services; industry development, including food and research; regional services; trade and market services; and business services, I ask,

- (a) now that these five new directorates have been established, please advise if they are now fully operational and if so;
 - (i) when did the posts become operational;
 - (ii) how many consultants have been appointed to fill the five posts;
 - (iii) are the consultants working for an outside agency or are they consulting full-time for DAFWA;
 - (iv) how many of these consultants are working full time for the department;
 - (v) how many are working for the department on a part-time basis;
 - (vi) what is the contractual term of each consultant;
 - (vii) what is the funding allocation for each consultant for the full term of their contract?
- (b) has the request for funding these five new directorates been approved and if so;
 - (i) on what date did the department receive the approval;
- (c) at the completion of each consultant's contract, what strategy is in place to evaluate the success of the restructure?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a) The five new directorates were part of an interim structure which was subsequently replaced by the new Director General with a six directorate structure operational since June 2010.
 - (i) 20 July 2009.
 - (ii) Nil. Appointments to SES positions were made in an acting capacity only and in accordance with the Public Service Management Act 1994.
 - (iii)–(vii) Not applicable.
- (b) Funding was provided through the normal budget process.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.