

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, TEMPORARY STAFF

454. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Services:

For each department and agency under the Minister for Services' direction -

- (1) How many temporary staff have been engaged through an employment agency since January 1 1999?
- (2) For each engagement, what was the -
 - (a) level of the position;
 - (b) name of the employment agency;
 - (c) duration of the engagement; and
 - (d) reason why the position was not filled from within the public sector?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)-(2) Since 1 January 1999 the State Supply Commission has engaged 18 temporary staff through the Department of Contract and Management Services common-use contract for the supply of temporary personnel for metropolitan Western Australian government agencies, Contract No RFT 53/97.

Temporary staff were engaged at the discretion of management to meet operational requirements of the agency.

The temporary engagements ranged from \$17.00 to \$80.00 per hour and were for short to long term duration, generally from one day to less than three months. As the State Supply Commission did not fill any of its positions while the Review of the State Supply Commission Act was in process, temporary engagements were utilised to cope with the workload. Additionally, the engagement of temporary staff is frequently used when unscheduled absence of an existing staff member occurs or a staff member proceeds on annual recreation leave.