

BETTISON, MR GARY

**471. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the case of Mr Gary Bettison, who has, for the past six financial years, been employed by MetroBus as a senior executive service member awaiting redeployment and who is classified as a level 9 with an annual salary of \$80 027.

- (1) How many MetroBus redeployees are still employed by MetroBus, and how many of these are still awaiting redeployment?
- (2) Why has it not been possible to place Mr Bettison into a permanent position in the past six years?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that Mr Bettison has spent extensive periods of time being paid for doing nothing, or on extended leave, over the past six years because suitable work could not be found for him?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) For the pay period ending 10 November 2000, 14 redeployees who were employed by MetroBus were awaiting redeployment.
- (2) Mr Bettison has been actively managed under the redeployment program since 1994. While every effort has been made to permanently place Mr Bettison in a position at his current classification, the availability of suitable positions within the senior executive service is limited. Furthermore, these SES opportunities have only been available on a temporary basis.
- (3) Mr Bettison has always been employed by various agencies that have participated in the redeployment program, or attached to support services and recognised for training requirements. He has also taken the opportunity to plan his recreational leave to meet operational requirements and existing government policy.