

STATE BUDGET, ELECTORATE OFFICER RECLASSIFICATION

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

I refer the Premier to the line item for electorate officer reclassification on page 70 of the 2005-2006 State Budget and ask -

- (1) what does this line item refer to, and
- (2) why is there an increase by approx 100% over the out years, from \$426,000 in 2005 - 2006 to \$803,000 in 2008 - 2009?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1) This item refers to an appropriation for the estimated increase in annual salary and related expenses for Electorate Officers following agreement reached between the Presiding Officers of Parliament and the Community and Public Sector Union to alter the classification of Electorate Officers.
- (2) The forward estimates provide for the increase in salaries as Electorate Officers previously in the Level 3 and Level 4 public service salary bands move to the Level 4 and Level 5 public service salary bands. In 2005-06, all Electorate Officers classified at Level 3 will be reclassified to Level 4.1, and all Electorate Officers classified at Level 4 will be reclassified at level 5.1. Over the next four years, it is expected that Electorate Officers' salaries will increase as they progress to the top point in their salary bands.