

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, TEMPORARY STAFF

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

For each department and agency under the Minister for Disability 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) The Disability Services Commission contracted approximately 250 staff in the 18 month period from 1 January 1999 - 30 June 2000.
- (2)
 - (a) The majority of these positions were for entry level direct care and clerical staff and occasionally nursing services in High Support Hostels.
 - (b) Names of the agencies are:
 - Meditemp
 - Select
 - Key People
 - GSH Personnel
 - Hays Personnel Service
 - South West Personnel
 - Kimberley
 - Peel Personnel
 - Forrest Personnel
 - Hotham Personnel
 - DC Personnel
 - Drake Overload
 - Essential Personnel
 - (c) The majority of engagements were to cover leave relief and were of shift or day duration. Occasionally, contract staff were required to cover longer periods in blocks of three to four week duration.
 - (d) Positions were not filled from the public sector due to the specialist nature of the positions and/or the limited time available in order to meet the needs of clients.