

SCHOOLS, REDEPLOYMENT OF CLEANERS

354. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many cleaners previously employed by the Education Department opted for redeployment in the changeover to contract cleaners?
- (2) How many of these cleaners have been redeployed to other cleaning jobs within the Government?
- (3) How many have been redeployed to duties other than cleaning?
- (4) Were these employees given training for their changed role?
- (5) How many remain without being successfully redeployed?
- (6) Who is paying the wages of the ex-cleaners who have not been successfully redeployed?
- (7) Is it correct that ex-cleaners have been turning up to their previous place of employment for periods in excess of twelve months - in some cases up to two years without being offered any alternatives?
- (8) If so, how many?

Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:

- (1) At 14 October 2000, the number was 410.
- (2) None. There are no opportunities to redeploy Education Department ex-cleaners into cleaning positions in other government departments.
- (3) One-hundred-and-eighty-six redeployees have been found permanent suitable alternative employment.
- (4) Yes. All redeployees are provided with training to facilitate their redeployment into suitable alternative employment.
- (5) One-hundred-and-sixty-eight redeployees have yet to be found permanent suitable alternative positions, but are engaged in a range of other duties and/or are undergoing training. A further 31 redeployees have since taken severance, three redeployees have resigned and 21 redeployees are in relief, probationary or secondment positions. One redeployee is on workers compensation.
- (6) Education Department of Western Australia.
- (7)-(8) Of the 168 yet to be found a permanent suitable alternative posting, 131 redeployees still report to the schools where they were originally employed as cleaners and receive on the job training for suitable alternative employment, or are awaiting a permanent placement.