

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, TEMPORARY STAFF

446. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

For each department and agency under the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests' 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:

Since 1 January 1999, the Office of Citizenship and Multicultural Interests has engaged 17 temporary staff, predominantly 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. Some specialist staff such as Librarians are not available through Contract No RFT 53/97 and these are obtained through specialist agencies.

Temporary staff may be engaged at the discretion of management to meet operational requirements. The temporary engagements are usually at an equivalent to the level 1 salary range and are for short-term durations

Temporary engagements are utilised when no other staff member is available to undertake a specific job assignment and often occur due to the unscheduled absence of an existing staff member.