

PUBLIC SECTOR RECRUITMENT FREEZE — UNDER TREASURER'S ADVICE

**286. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the answer to question without notice 24, asked on 17 February 2016 by Hon Sue Ellery, and subsequent advice in the answer to question without notice 112, asked by me, that questions about appendix A of tabled paper 3834 should be addressed to individual ministers.

- (1) Since the public sector recruitment freeze began on 21 December 2015, how many requests for approval for exemptions from the freeze have been lodged by the minister in relation to each of the general government agencies in her portfolios listed in appendix A of tabled paper 3834?
- (2) For each exemption request —
  - (a) which agency requested the exemption;
  - (b) when was it lodged;
  - (c) when was it granted; and
  - (d) what is the position title and salary?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support advises —

- (1) There were three requests.
- (2)
  - (a) The Department for Child Protection and Family Support requested an exemption.
  - (b) It was lodged on 16 February 2016.
  - (c) Requests are currently under active consideration.

This is a question from 17 March so the answer is correct as at 17 March.

- (d) The position titles and salaries were: child protection worker—request for 65.5 FTE, \$63 576 to \$87 166; residential care worker—request for 56 FTE casual pool, \$57 729 to \$62 689; and secure care officer—request for 10 FTE casual pool, \$66 246 to \$71 919.

The Mental Health Commission advises —

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Not applicable.

The Disability Services Commission advises —

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Not applicable.