

OFFICE OF THE APPEALS CONVENOR — STAFFING

**803. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:**

I seek some advice from the Leader of the House. I have some questions for the Minister for Environment. I have not been advised that she has been detained —

**Hon Norman Moore:** She is paired today.

**Hon SALLY TALBOT:** Okay. I have not been informed of that.

- (1) How many staff are allocated to the Office of the Appeals Convener, and what are the levels of those staff?
- (2) How many of these positions are currently vacant, and have those positions been advertised?
- (3) How many appeals is the Office of the Appeals Convenor currently dealing with in relation to —
  - (a) environmental impact assessments;
  - (b) licensing and works approvals;
  - (c) clearing of native vegetation;
  - (d) compliance notices; and
  - (e) vehicle emission notices?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following response —

- (1) The Office of the Appeals Convenor is allocated 6.2 full-time equivalents. The levels are one level 9; one level 8; 3.2 specified calling level 3; and one level 4. In addition, a new level 7 officer has recently commenced to assist the appeals office.
- (2) Two positions are currently being filled on a temporary basis. The positions have been advertised.
- (3)
  - (a) Twenty-two environmental impact assessment proposals are actively under appeal. In addition, I have referred one proposal for which the appeals report is complete back to the Appeals Convenor to obtain additional information prior to a ministerial decision being made.
  - (b) Nine licences and works approvals are actively under appeal.
  - (c) Twelve native vegetation clearing proposals are actively under appeal.
  - (d) Four compliance notices are actively under appeal.
  - (e) Nil.