

PUBLIC SECTOR RECRUITMENT FREEZE — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

240. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

Was the Treasurer's comment yesterday that the minister did not understand the letter that the minister signed and sent to the Treasurer about positions in his portfolio correct?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

Absolutely not. The Leader of the Opposition asked me a while ago whether it still stood. I would not have asked for a letter for exemption unless those people were actually required in a position.

Hon Sue Ellery: So, the Treasurer was wrong.

Hon KEN BASTON: I have not spoken to the Treasurer yet.