

PUBLIC SECTOR — STAFF

1565. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:
- (1) Can the Minister advise, as at each of the following dates 30 June 2016, 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2018:
 - (a) the total public sector headcount and FTE staff levels; and
 - (b) the headcount and FTE staff levels by agency?
 - (2) Can the Minister advise, as at each of the following dates 30 June 2016, 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2018:
 - (a) the total public sector salary and wages bill; and
 - (b) the salary and wages bill for each agency?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The Public Sector Commission advises:

- (1) (a) The total public sector headcount and FTE for 30 June 2016 was 135 770 and 107 809 respectively.
The total public sector headcount and FTE for 30 June 2017 was 140 403 and 110 662 respectively.
The collection of total public sector headcount and FTE data as at 30 June 2018 is ongoing. Once completed, the Quarterly Workforce Report will be tabled in this place.
The increase in FTEs from 2016 to 2017 can be attributed primarily to the Department of Education and WA Health.
The Department of Education had a net increase of nearly 1400 FTE due largely to an increase in FTE spending in schools for the 2016/17 FY after having collectively underspent by approximately 4% in 2015/16. This was in part to manage an increase in student numbers of 2.5% in 2016.
WA Health contributed over 900 FTE to the net increase as a result of increasing staffing levels across hospitals, primarily in nursing and medical professionals.
 - (b) The headcount and FTE staff levels by agency for 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2017 are provided in the relevant Quarterly Workforce Reports. [See tabled paper no 1770.]
The collection of headcount and FTE staff levels by agency as at 30 June 2018 is still ongoing. Once completed, the Quarterly Workforce Report will be tabled in this place.
- (2) (a)–(b) Information on the total public sector salary and wages bill and the salary and wages bill for each agency should be referred to the Department of Treasury.