

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT REGULATION — CLIMATE CHANGE UNIT

1235. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How many full-time equivalents (filled and unfilled) were in the Office of Climate Change in the Department of Environment Regulation at 1 July 2013?
- (2) How many were contract employees and how many were permanent?
- (3) How many full-time equivalents are budgeted for in the Office of Climate Change for the 2013–2014 financial year (contract and permanent)?
- (4) What was the total Budget of the Office of Climate Change in the 2012–2013 financial year?
- (5) What is the total Budget of the Office of Climate Change for the 2013–2014 financial year?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (1) As at 1 July 2013, there were five FTEs in the Climate Change Unit as was answered in the 2013–14 Budget Estimates hearings on 20 August 2013.
- (2) 4.4 FTEs were permanent employees and 0.6 FTE was a contract employee.
- (3) 4.4 permanent FTEs for full year and 0.6 contract FTE for six months.
- (4) I refer to the response to question without notice 853 on 25 October 2012, the response to question without notice 67 on 14 May 2013, and the response to question without notice 174 on 13 June 2013, which provide the annual operating budget for the Climate Change Unit excluding the Low Emissions Energy Development Fund as \$620 000 for 2012/13.
- (5) The base budget for the Climate Change Unit for 2013–14 is \$516 000.