

Great Southern Development Commission —

[5.50 pm]

Mr S.J. Price, Chair.

Mr D.T. Punch, Minister for Regional Development.

Mr J. Gardner, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Great Southern Development Commission.

Ms H. Brayford, Director General, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Mr P. Isaachsen, Deputy Director General, Industry and Economic Development.

Ms M. Carbon, Deputy Director General, Sustainability and Biosecurity.

Mr P. Gregson, Manager, Funds Management.

Ms C. McConnell, Deputy Director General, Primary Industries Development.

Ms L. Williamson, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr B. Mezzatesta, Executive Director, Operations and Compliance.

Ms M. Teede, Chief Executive Officer, South West Development Commission.

Mr C. Berger, Chief Executive Officer, Kimberley Development Commission.

Mr C. Syers, Principal Fisheries Management Officer.

Mr P. Spalding, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Development Commission.

Mr R. Cossart, Chief Executive Officer, Wheatbelt Development Commission.

Mr T. Palmer, Chief of Staff, Minister for Regional Development.

Mr A. Buck, Senior Policy Adviser.

Mr G. Grounds, Senior Policy Adviser.

Mr A. Skinner, Senior Policy Adviser.

The CHAIR: The member for Roe has the call.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Similar to the discussion on the previous development commissions, could we have a run-down of the FTE for the Great Southern Development Commission?

Mr D.T. PUNCH: Yes. I request Mr Gardner to provide that information. That is in relation to total FTE and vacancies.

Mr J. Gardner: There are a total of 10.6 FTE; there are no current vacancies.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Thank you, Mr Gardner.

Mr D.T. PUNCH: They are very efficient at filling vacancies, member!

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I wanted to make sure that everything was in place at the Great Southern Development Commission.

Mr D.T. PUNCH: It must be the discipline set by a former chair!

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: That is it!

Just very briefly, because I know that we are running out of time, I am interested in the work on the Middleton Beach precinct and also the artificial surf reef. Has the Great Southern Development Commission had a lot of involvement with those two projects?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I will ask Mr Gardner to respond on the current status of those projects.

Mr J. Gardner: I will respond to the current status of the Middleton Beach development first. DevelopmentWA is the lead agency on that. It has obviously recently sold a number of properties down there to instigate development within that precinct. My understanding is that the development application for the hotel site has been approved by the City of Albany and will be subject to the developer progressing with that for that development to be delivered. Separately, to answer the second question on the Albany surf reef, my understanding is that the City of Albany is the lead agency. It has received commonwealth funding to match the state's contribution, which was through an election commitment in 2017, and is working through development approvals to try to get the surf reef installed. It needs to work around some small weather windows, particularly on the south coast, to ensure that that can happen in a safe environment.

The CHAIR: That completes the examination of the Great Southern Development Commission authority.

