

PUBLIC SECTOR RESTRUCTURE

113. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the minister's media statement of 28 April concerning "major changes" to the public sector, and, in particular, the intended reduction in the number of government departments from 41 to 25 by 1 July 2017, to "create a more efficient public sector to deliver better services for the community".

- (1) Has the government undertaken a services gap assessment and drafted a business continuity plan to ensure that services to the public do not suffer during the transition to the new arrangements and after the proposed implementation date of 1 July 2017?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the government table these documents?
- (3) If no to (1) and/or (2), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Public Sector Commission advises the following —

- (1)–(3) Chief executive officers of entities affected by the machinery of government changes are responsible for ensuring business continuity at all times, including during the transition process and after 1 July 2017.