

PREMIER — STAFF — GUY HOUSTON AND JOANNE GAINES

153. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) What was the classification and salary levels of Mr Houston and Ms Gaines whilst in the office of the then Leader of the Opposition?
- (2) What are their respective salaries in their current roles?
- (3) What benchmark was used by the Merit Panel to assess them at Band 2 Non CEO and Band 3 Non CEO?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

For the benefit of the Hon. Member, it should be noted that the roles and responsibilities for Mr Houston and Ms Gaines have expanded dramatically since their time in the Leader of the Opposition's office.

I also note that Mr Houston's salary package is roughly 5% less than the former Premier's Chief of Staff, Mr Rowe.

- (1) Mr Guy Houston: Classification: Class 3 Salary: \$189,725 per annum  
Ms Joanne Gaines: Classification: Level 9, Step 3 Salary: \$162,015 per annum
- (2) Mr Guy Houston: Salary component: \$315,000 per annum  
Ms Joanne Gaines: Salary component: \$267,000 per annum
- (3) The Merit Panel considered the salary levels having regard for the Salaries and Allowances Determination for Special Division and Prescribed Office Holders.