

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES —  
ORGANISATION AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

**700. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:**

- (1) What benefits and efficiencies have been realised through the creation of the Department of Communities?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is none, what benefits and efficiencies are expected to be obtained and when?
- (3) What are the organisational arrangements for delivering payroll and other HR services to the various divisions identified in the answer to question without notice 347; for example, is HR centralised or still run by the former independent agencies?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The creation of the new Department of Communities provides an opportunity to deliver better services to families and communities in WA, as well as finding efficiencies inside government with back-of-house operations. New post-machinery-of-government structures are currently being developed and consulted upon and will be finalised in due course.