

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET — DIRECTOR GENERAL — APPOINTMENT

401. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* on 26 July 2017, entitled “Public Sector Commission: The chamber of secrets surrounding WA’s top job” concerning the appointment of Mr Darren Foster to the position of director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

- (1) How many applicants applied for the position of director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, including Mr Foster?
- (2) How many of those applicants were from the private sector, the Western Australian public service, or the commonwealth public service?
- (3) How many of the applicants possessed private sector and/or public sector experience at a level equivalent to, or higher than, that of the previous deputy director general of the Department of Fisheries?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

The Public Sector Commission advises the following.

- (1) Ten applications were received.
- (2) Four applications were from outside the public sector, five were from the WA public sector, and one was from another public sector jurisdiction.
- (3) Applications indicated that all candidates had senior leadership experience.