

GOLDFIELDS–ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

506. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to staff of the Goldfields–Esperance Development Commission and their lack of confidence in the board and chief executive, as reported in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* on 31 August 2013.

- (1) Will a management audit be conducted; and, if not, why not?
- (2) How many temporary agency staff are employed at the commission, and what was the cost of engaging temporary staff for the 2012–13 financial year and 2013 to date?
- (3) Is it true the executive had not met with staff to discuss the regional investment blueprint document as at 31 August 2013?
- (4) When did the minister first learn of conflict between staff and the GEDC executive, and what has he done about it?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Goldfields–Esperance Development Commission board is currently working with the Public Sector Commission on a suitable course of action.
- (2) Two staff are employed. In the 2012–13 financial year, \$65 783.56; and 2013 to date, \$22 099.01.
- (3) No.
- (4) On 29 August 2013. The matter has been referred to the Public Sector Commission.