

JOBS — MIGRANTS

627. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the state government's announced target of creating 150 000 additional jobs in WA by 2023–24. I note that the federal Treasury has stated that 72.4 per cent of all new full-time jobs being created in Australia are being filled by recently arrived migrants.

- (1) Does the state government anticipate that a similar percentage of overseas workers will fill the 150 000 extra positions that it plans to create?
- (2) If no to (1), can the state government provide an estimate of how many of the 150 000 new jobs will be filled by existing Western Australian residents?
- (3) In setting this jobs target, did the state government give any consideration at all to maximising employment and wage growth prospects for locals?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The state government anticipates that additional jobs within Western Australia will be available to and filled by a range of job seekers.
- (3) The broader jobs target has a dedicated focus on creating opportunities for local jobs in the regions, and encouraging strong and sustainable regional communities.