

PUBLIC SECTOR — EMPLOYMENT — 2017–18 STATE BUDGET

**604. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House:**

Thank you, Madam President. My question without notice is to the Leader of the House.

The government's budget outlines the loss of 3 000 public service jobs.

- (1) In which areas of the public service are these 3 000 jobs?
- (2) What impact will this have on the already-struggling government?
- (3) Will these job losses affect frontline services to the public?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) They are voluntary redundancies.
- (2) They need to be agreed to, so we will not be offering or agreeing with people who might indicate an interest in voluntary redundancy if we need to keep the position.
- (3) A judgement will be made about whether we need to keep the position based on its connection to service delivery, so it is not our intention to cut off our noses to spite our faces by removing people from the public sector who perform services that we need to continue to be delivered to the public.