

ROBERT HICKS — GOLDFIELDS–ESPERANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

86. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the former chief executive officer of the Goldfields–Esperance Development Commission, Mr Robert Hicks, and his reported comments on ABC radio last week in which he said, “I haven’t been asked to step down, I haven’t been asked to resign, I’ve been told that I will go ...”.

- (1) How was Mr Hicks removed from his position as the development commission’s CEO and who specifically removed Mr Hicks from his position as CEO?
- (2) Will Mr Hicks be paid out for the term of his contract; and, if so, what is that amount?
- (3) Will any additional payments be made to Mr Hicks; and, if so, what are those amounts?
- (4) Has Mr Hicks been offered another position within government; and, if so, which position?
- (5) Can the minister confirm who has been appointed acting CEO and for what period, and will that person be Kalgoorlie based or commuting from another location?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1)–(4) Please refer these questions to the Public Sector Commissioner as he is the employing authority.
- (5) Mr Norman Baker has been issued with a direction to act under section 51 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 for a period ending on 23 August 2014. This direction can be rescinded earlier if required. Mr Baker will be Kalgoorlie based.