

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

2032. Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the Minister for Transport

For each Department, Agency or Government owned corporation for which the Minister has responsibility -

- (1) How many apprentices are currently employed?
- (2) How many trainees are currently employed?
- (3) Are there currently any plans to increase the number of apprenticeships and traineeships immediately?
- (4) If yes to (3), what are the proposed increases?
- (5) What funds have been allocated in 2009-10 to recruit more participants for apprenticeships and traineeships?
- (6) If no funds have been allocated, why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Public Transport Authority

- (1) Five.
- (2) Four.
- (3) There are no plans to increase these numbers this financial year.
- (4) Not Applicable.
- (5) None.
- (6) Recruitment of replacement apprentices and trainees is incorporated as part of general recruitment processes at divisional and corporate level and therefore is not identified as a separate specifically funded item.

Main Roads

- (1) No apprentices are employed at Main Roads as almost all work is contracted out.
- (2) There are a total of 22 trainees currently employed at Main Roads.
- (3) There are no immediate plans to increase traineeships within the current financial year, however, this is reviewed annually through workforce planning requirements.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Refer to response to question 3.
- (6) No further funds have been allocated to recruit participants for apprenticeships and traineeships as the workforce planning requirements for 2009-10 have already been met.

Department of Transport

- (1) None.
- (2) Three school based trainees and two full time trainees.
- (3) With the formation of the Department of Transport, a detailed workforce plan initiative is about to commence. This will determine the number of traineeships.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) None.
- (6) Future budget consideration needs to be determined in line with a detailed workforce plan.