

PREMIER — AGENCIES — VOLUNTARY TARGETED SEPARATION SCHEME

2243. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal–State Relations:

I ask with respect to each agency under the Minister’s control:

- (a) will the Minister please provide details of the target FTE positions under the Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme set by Treasury to meet the budget target of reducing the public service by 3,000 people;
- (b) will the Minister please provide details of the number of FTE positions that have been separated to date from each agency;
- (c) will the Minister please provide details of the number of FTE positions that are yet to be separated from each agency; and
- (d) with respect to (c), when are the remaining separations likely to take place?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) As previously canvassed in this place and in the Auditor General Report Opinion on Ministerial Notifications from December 2018, agency targets under the Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme are Cabinet in Confidence.
- (b) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5161.
- (c) To provide the number of FTE positions that are yet to be separated from each agency, in conjunction with the number of positions that have been separated to date would allow the agency targets to be derived, revealing information that, as canvassed in the answer to (a) is Cabinet in Confidence.
- (d) Across Government, a total of 2,556 separations (85%) of the 3,000 target for the VTSS have been achieved to date and with a further 390 separations expected as a result of the transition to the Commonwealth-run National Disability Insurance Scheme. The VTSS is on track to deliver 2,946 separations or 98% of the original target by 30 June 2022.

The VTSS program is projected to achieve a net saving of \$527 million over the period 2017–18 to 2022–23 to net debt.