

VOLUNTARY TARGETED SEPARATION SCHEME

1292. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the state government’s voluntary targeted separation scheme announced in the 2017 state budget and promoted in the media as providing for 3 000 voluntary redundancies and saving the state \$1 billion. For each of the financial years 2017–18; 2018–19; 2019–20; 2020–21; and 2021–22 —

- (1) how many public servants took voluntary redundancy under the VTSS;
- (2) what have been the audited and identifiable savings to the state delivered by the McGowan government’s targeted voluntary separation scheme implemented on 1 July 2017;
- (3) what has been the associated financial cost to the state of implementing the scheme;
- (4) how many WA state public servants, full-time, part-time and casual, were employed by the state; and
- (5) what was the wages bill for WA public servants?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

That is a very long question, so it is quite a long answer, but I will make it as easy as possible. I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Leader of the House.

- (1) I seek leave to have this information incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

	Number of separations
2017–18	2,311
2018–19	245
2019–20	89
2020–21	251
2021–22	82

- (2) Gross savings identified by agencies total \$701.5 million to 30 June 2022, with a further \$182 million estimated for 2022–23, the first full year after the end of the scheme. I seek leave to have the savings to date by year incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

	Gross savings (\$m)
2017–18	59.9
2018–19	137.8
2019–20	161.9
2020–21	164.7
2021–22	177.2

- (3) Agencies have reported total costs of \$356 million to 30 June 2022. I seek leave to have the costs, by year, incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

	Costs (\$m)
2017–18	279.6
2018–19	33.1
2019–20	8.1
2020–21	25.3
2021–22	9.9

- (4)–(5) This information is provided in multiple publicly available reports. However, for the honourable member’s convenience, I seek leave to have this information incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

	Public sector FTE	Public sector wages (\$m)

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2017–18	110,155	12,193
2018–19	110,972	12,269
2019–20	114,734	12,887
2020–21	119,273	13,469
2021–22	124,160	14,279
