

INVESTMENT AND TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA–GULF

1090. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the recent job advertisement for an investment and trade commissioner in the India–Gulf region.

- (1) Why is this application process open to only existing WA public sector employees?
- (2) Will the government not consider applicants with extensive private sector experience or in-country business experience or individuals who have a range of existing networks in both WA and India?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation.

- (1)–(3) The state’s investment and trade commissioners are employed under a secondment model, whereby commissioners are appointed from within the Western Australian public sector for a period of three years, with possible extension. The model was recommended following an independent review into the international trade and investment office network, and is intended to ensure that the knowledge and networks developed by the commissioners is brought back to the Western Australian public sector. It also ensures that the commissioners abide by public sector values, standards and codes of conduct.