

MINISTERIAL STAFF — PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSFERS

**315. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

- (1) How many former ministerial staff members have transferred from ministerial offices to senior public service roles since 2017?
- (2) How many of those staff members in (1) were permanent public servants prior to entering and who retained their permanency while working in the ministerial office?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) No term-of-government ministerial officers employed since March 2017 have transferred from ministerial offices to positions in the senior public service. It is important to note that term-of-government ministerial officers are prohibited from applying for positions in the public service. As the member would be aware from his own personal experience of transitioning between positions in the public service and ministerial offices, public servants commonly undertake secondments or placements in ministerial offices for temporary periods.