

PUBLIC SECTOR WAGES POLICY

195. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Industrial Relations:

I refer to the Cook government's allocation of \$2.8 billion under its new principles-based public service wages policy, covering approximately 160 000 public sector employees.

- (1) From 1 October 2023, how many public sector industrial agreements are due to expire over the next 18 months?
- (2) How was the global provision of \$2.8 billion from 2023–24 to 2026–27 calculated and what critical financial assumptions were inherent in arriving at this figure?
- (3) Will a maximum financial threshold of negotiation apply to each public sector agreement that is negotiated; and, if so, what is that threshold figure?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- (1) There are 48.
- (2) This part of the question should be directed to the Treasurer.
- (3) No.