

ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Thursday 11 June 2015

Department of the Attorney General

Hon Adele Farina MLC asked –

1. I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 2 at page 438 “Spending Changes”, line item Workforce Renewal Policy, and I ask,

a) At 1 May 2008, how many staff, by headcount and FTE, were employed in the South West Region?

Answer: Headcount – 39; FTE – 29.2

b) Where were the staff identified in a) located and at what level and status (fulltime, part time, contract or casual) were each of those staff employed?

Answer:

	FTE	Level	Status	Headcount
Bunbury	14.5			18
	8	2	Fulltime	8
	3	3	Fulltime	3
	1	5	Fulltime	1
	1	7	Fulltime	1
	0.2	2	Contract	3
	0.7	2	Part time	1
	0.6	1.3*	Part time	1
Busselton	5.9			8
	1	5	Fulltime	1
	1	3	Fulltime	1
	2	2	Fulltime	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	0.1	2	Part time	1
	0.3	1.3*	Part time	1
Collie	4.5			7
	1	4	Fulltime	1
	1**	2	Fulltime	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	0.7	2	Part time	1
	0.6	2	Part time	1
	0.2	1.3*	Part time	1

Manjimup	4.3			6
	1	5	Fulltime	1
	1	2	Fulltime	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	0.5	2	Part time	1
	1**	2	Fulltime	1
	0.3	1.3*	Part time	1

Note: Levels are in accordance with the Public Service and Government Officers General Agreement 2014. *refers to a level under the Government Services (Miscellaneous) General Agreement 2013 - Cleaners, Tea Attendants, Gardeners. **this FTE is funded by the Department of Transport.

- c) At 1 May 2015, how many staff, by headcount and FTE, were employed in the South West Region?

Answer: Headcount – 40; FTE – 28.6

- d) Where were the staff identified in c) located and at what level and status (fulltime, part time, contract or casual) were each of those staff employed?

Answer:

	FTE	Level	Status	Headcount
Bunbury	13.9			17
	1	3	Full time	1
	1	3	Full time	1
	1	3	Part-time	2
	1	5	Full time	1
	1	7	Full time	1
	7	2	Full time	7
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.7	2	Part-time	1
	0.2	2	Part-time	1
Busselton	5.9			11
	1	5	Full time	1
	1	3	Full time	1
	1	2	Full time	1
	1	2	Full time	1
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.3	1.3*	Part-time	1
0.1	2	Casual	3	

Collie	4.5			7
	1	4	Full time	1
	0.6	2	Part time	1
	1**	2	Part-time	1
	0.7	2	Part-time	1
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.5	2	Part-time	1
	0.2	1.3*	Part time	1
Manjimup	4.3			5
	1	5	Full time	1
	1	2	Full time	1
	1	2	Full time	0
	0.6	2	Part-time	1
	0.4	2	Part-time	1
	0.3	1.3*	Part time	1

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Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked –

I refer to the work of the Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation:

1. What are the number of applications presently awaiting a determination from an Assessor?

Answer: 2,143 applications as at 28 May 2015

2. What is the key performance indicator for the waiting period for an application from the time of lodgement to the time of determination of an award?

Answer: There is no key performance indicator for the waiting period for a determination of an application submitted to the Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation.

The time taken to process a claim is variable and is dependent on factors such as whether a prosecution, workers compensation or civil claim has been completed, treatment of injuries sustained to be completed or stabilised, legal action, the need for completion of related applications and the need to access records of other organisations such as Western Australia Police.

As at 28 May 2015 the time taken to determine an application is 9.9 months

This compares to an estimated 31 months in NSW, 12 months in Victoria and 12-24 months in ACT (acknowledging that jurisdictions have differing schemes)

3. Further to 2, what are the number of applications which presently exceed this period of time?

Answer: Not applicable. Please note however, the Department has approved an additional 5.5 FTE which are about to commence in assisting in processing claims for compensation. This will assist in reducing the time taken to process claims.

4. Further to 3, what is the length of time that the oldest application has been awaiting a determination?

Answer: 5 years and 9 months (1 September 2009) as at 28 May 2015. However, it should be noted that the case has been subject to a number of factors such as those outlined in question 2 which will need to be resolved prior to assessment.

5. How many Assessors are currently employed?

Answer: 3 Assessors

6. Further to 5, are all Assessors employed on a full-time basis?

Answer: Yes, 3 full-time Assessors

7. What is the total budgeted cost for Assessors in 2015/16?

Answer: \$1,148,254

8. Is it intended that further Assessors be appointed in 2015/16?

Answer: No

9. How many Awards have been made by Assessors following the issue of the now repealed section 15 certificates?

Answer: The Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation does not have data on the number of awards which were made following the issuing of a section 15 certificate under the repealed legislation as this data is not available. Any such awards would have been made between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 2003 and applications for a certificate were made directly to the Attorney General.

10. Further to 9, in which calendar or financial years were those awards made?

Answer: Please see answer to question 9.



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