

**Estimates and Financial Operations Committee**  
**2016-17 Annual Report hearings - Questions prior to hearings**



**Department of Regional Development**

**Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:**

1. I refer to the Department of Regional Development Final Annual Report 2017, page 88, under the "Ministerial Directives" in the table "Employment and industrial relations" and I ask;
  - (a) Will you provide the total number of employees (and FTE) working in regional Western Australia and a region-by-region breakdown of employee locations as at 30 June 2017.

Answer:

REGION	HEADCOUNT	FTE
Kimberley	9	7.3
Wheatbelt	1	1.0
Pilbara	1	1.0
Gascoyne	-	-
Mid West	-	-
Peel	-	-
South West	-	-
Great Southern	-	-
Goldfields-Esperance	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9.3</b>

- (b) Will you provide the total number of employees (and FTE) working in regional Western Australia and a region-by-region breakdown of employee locations as at 13 December 2017?

Answer: The Department of Regional Development no longer exists. As at 13 December 2017, the total number of employees working in regional Western Australia within the new Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (incorporating the former Departments of Fisheries, Agriculture and Food, and Regional Development, plus staff previously employed within the nine Regional Development Commissions) was 673 (611.4 FTE).

REGION	HEADCOUNT	FTE
Great Southern	116	104.2
Kimberley	68	65.7
South West	128	116.7
Gascoyne	32	29.6
Goldfields-Esperance	56	49.7

MidWest	69	63.6
Wheatbelt	141	125.3
Pilbara	29	27.1
Peel	34	29.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>611</b>

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**Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC asked:**

1. Page 88 of the Annual Report highlights that 147.5 FTE were employed at 30 June 2017:
- (a) How many of these FTE moved to the new Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development; and

Answer: 123.0 FTE from the Department of Regional Development moved to the new Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The difference is a result of Regional Services Reform Unit staff (21.4 FTE) transferring to the Department of Communities and a further 3.1 FTE transferring to other entities through the normal course of business.

- (b) How many FTE from the regional development division will be offered redundancies as part of the voluntary targeted separation scheme?

Answer: The Department has not yet finalised its implementation of the State Government's Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme and is not in a position to answer this question.

