

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



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC asked:

1) I refer to the staffing details shown on page 85 of the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority Final Report 2016 - 2017. Can you please advise:

a) the total number of employees engaged (and the total FTE) as at 30 June 2017;

Answer: 98 employees and 89 FTE

b) the number of employees (and the total FTE) working in regional Western Australia, broken down by location, as at 30 June 2017;

Answer: nil

c) the number of employees (and the total FTE) working in regional Western Australia, broken down by location, as at December 2017; and

Answer: The former Office of the Environmental Protection Authority was amalgamated into the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation through Machinery of Government changes effective 1 July 2017. Workforce details of the former agencies have not been separately maintained since the Machinery of Government changes. Note, however, that because of the amalgamation, the Environmental Protection Authority now has more direct access to regional resources through the new Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's regional office network.

d) the total FTE required to be cut as part of the State Government's Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme?

Answer: Voluntary Targeted Separation Scheme targets were not assigned to the former Office of the Environmental Protection Authority as the Office was not in existence when the targets were set.

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