

**Question on Notice
No. 172
Asked on 22 April 2004**

MR QUINN asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) –

QUESTION:

With reference to public service employees that are awaiting either redeployment or reassignment—

Will he advise (a) the total number of employees, (b) the number of employees reported by pay point/classification, (c) the number of employees reported by those who have been on redeployment or reassignment for (i) less than six months, (ii) greater than six months but less than one year and (iii) greater than one year and (d) the estimated fortnightly salary/wage total for the collective number of employees on redeployment or awaiting reassignment?

ANSWER:

When Mr Quinn was a member of Cabinet in May 1998 there were 90 active redeployees. The current figure is 79.

The public service is in a constant process of change as we improve services to the public, especially through the introduction of new technology. When jobs become redundant due to this process, it is the policy of this government to try to find new positions for the employees who held those jobs. This can be cheaper for taxpayers than making public servants redundant and advertising vacant positions which could be filled by the existing employees.

Other employees on the list may be medically unfit for the duties for which they were engaged.

- (a) As at 30 April 2004, there are a total of 79 public service employees awaiting either redeployment or reassignment. This figure equates to approximately 0.04% of the total Queensland Public Service workforce (there was a total of 182,591 public service employees as at 30 June 2003, as outlined in the Public Service Commissioner's Annual Report 2002-03).
- (b) Of these employees, the breakdown of employees awaiting either redeployment or reassignment by pay point/classification is as follows:

Classification	Number of Employees
Administrative Officer Level Two (AO2)	5
Administrative Officer Level Three (AO3)	12
Administrative Office Level Four (AO4)	11
Administrative Officer Level Five (AO5)	11
Administrative Officer Level Six (AO6)	7
Administrative Officer Level Seven (AO7)	3
Administrative Officer Level Eight (AO8)	3
Operational Officer Level Two (OO2)	1
Operational Officer Level Three (OO3)	9
Operational Officer Level Five (OO5)	1
Professional Officer Level Two (PO2)	1
Professional Officer Level Three (PO3)	1

Professional Officer Level Four (PO4)	3
Professional Officer Level Five (PO5)	1
Technical Officer Level Four (TO4)	2
Custodial Corrections Officer Level One (CO1)	2
Custodial Corrections Officer Level Two (CO2)	1
Custodial Officer Woodford Correctional Centre Level One (WPM1)	1
Carpenter/Painter Level Five (CLVO5)	1
Construction Worker Level Seven (CW7)	1
Clinical Nurse Level Two (NO2)	1
Director of Nursing Level Five (NO5)	1

- (c) The period of time these employees have been awaiting redeployment or reassignment is as follows:

Period of redeployment/reassignment	Number of Employees
(i) Less than six months	37
(ii) Six months to one year	25
(iii) Greater than one year	17

- (d) The fortnightly salary/wage total for these employees is \$147,434.38.