QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 945

asked on Tuesday, 31 August 2004

MR SPRINGBORG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Energex staffing levels for 2001, 2002 and 2003 –

Will he provide details for each Energex office (reported separately) (a) for each of the above years, what is the number of full-time permanent (i) electrical field workers, (ii) apprentices and (iii) other staff employed and (b) as at 30 August for each of the above years, what is the number of full-time (i) electrical field worker positions, (ii) apprentice positions and (iii) other staff roles that were unstaffed?

ANSWER:

In answer to the Member's question, I am advised as follows:-

ENERGEX records its staffing levels in a different format from that requested. The total ENERGEX staff numbers, by requested category, are provided in the following table.

(a) (i), (ii) and (iii)

As at 30 August	Electrical Field Workers	Apprentices	Other Staff
2001	1459.6	108	1413.3
2002	1357.3	129	1316.7
2003	1280	146	1216.5

(b) Energex does not keep historical data on unstaffed positions or employees of contractors.

ENERGEX has undertaken a national recruitment campaign for electrical field workers using a variety of channels to address resoucing requirements of improving and maintaining the distribution network. In a climate where such skills are in demand nationally ENERGEX has also increased the apprenticeship and trainee intake. To address the recommendations of the EDSD Review Report ENERGEX is developing a long-term workforce resourcing plan. This plan will compliment and build on the initiatives already underway at ENERGEX.

In line with the EDSD Review Report recommendation 10.7, ENERGEX is developing a fully documented 5-10 year resourcing plan for completion by 31 December 2004.

Consistent with this recommendation, ENERGEX is planning to significantly increase resourcing over 2004-05. Currently, 63 field worker positions, 41 apprentices (to commence January 2005) and 56 other positions are under active recruitment.