

**Question on Notice  
No. 508  
Asked on 7 August 2013**

MR PITT asked the Premier (MR NEWMAN)—

With reference to the March 2012 Queensland Public Service Workforce Profile, which showed 20,015 workers on wages of \$100,000 or more and the March 2013 workforce profile which shows that this number has increased to 24,900, despite the reduction in the workforce, will the Premier explain (a) why the number of people earning \$100,000 or more has gone up about 25 per cent when the public service has shrunk by more than 7 per cent, (b) why the public service is now so top-heavy with middle and senior managers and (c) given the government's so-called concerns with government expenditure, why has it allowed this blowout in management levels?

ANSWER:

The changes that occurred in the annual earnings profile for Queensland public service employees during this 12 month period were mainly attributable to enterprise bargaining (EB) increases.

The Newman Government is committed to ensuring that hardworking public servants and frontline staff get the pay rise that they deserve.

We have already demonstrated our commitment to the public service by finalising deals that include an annual 2.7% increase for teachers, 3% for nurses, 2.2% for police and 2.5% for doctors.

These increases placed many of these employees into earnings levels in excess of \$100,000 per annum.