

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** What happened to the suggestion by former Premier Rees that he would save \$200 million a year from the public sector payroll through restructuring and a staff freeze? Has that been delivered?

**Mr RAPER:** I would have to take that on notice. I have only been in this position since 17 February and Mr Rees was not the Premier at the time.

**ANSWER**

On 11 November 2008 former Premier Rees announced Government would cut the size of the Senior Executive Service by 20%, with 171 top level jobs to go and saving \$119 million over four years. This cut was achieved.

Former Premier Rees also announced a staff freeze on the recruitment of all non-frontline public servants until the end of June 2009. This freeze was put in place and is ongoing.