

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JUNE 2007

Question

Would the Minister advise the Assembly what the total number of public sector staff vacancies were for the six month periods to 30th June 2005, 31st December 2005, 30th June 2006, 31st December 2006 and 30th May 2007 within his Department?

Of the staff posts transferred to and from the Department during the above periods, how many were actually vacant at the time of transfer?

What funds were saved by Departments from unfilled posts in each period?

How many of the existing vacancies are currently budgeted for and how many vacancies have remained unfilled for a period of 12 months or more?

Answer

PART 1

Would the Minister advise the Assembly what the total number of public sector staff vacancies were for the six month periods to 30th June 2005, 31st December 2005, 30th June 2006, 31st December 2006 and 30th May 2007 within his Department?

P&E	FTE	HEADCOUNT
Vacancies as at 30/06/05	9.83	10
Vacancies as at 31/12/05	11.56	12
Vacancies as at 30/06/06	5.38	6
Vacancies as at 31/12/06	6.28	7
Vacancies as at 30/05/07	3.88	4

PART 2

Of the staff posts transferred to and from the Department during the above periods, how many were actually vacant at the time of transfer?

P&E	FTE	HEADCOUNT
Transfer to TTS	0.75	1
Transfer from TTS	5	5

PART 3

What funds were saved by Departments from unfilled posts in each period?

Planning and Environment does not hold data on delays to recruitment to posts and where vacancies occur they usually have to be covered by temporary staff, acting-up arrangements or, in the case of manual worker posts, overtime. It is not, therefore, possible to provide an accurate figure in relation to any potential savings directly related to particular vacancies.

PART 4

How many of the existing vacancies are currently budgeted for and how many vacancies have remained unfilled for a period of 12 months or more?

P&E	FTE	HEADCOUNT
Budgeted vacancies as at 30/05/07	1.00	1

P&E	FTE	HEADCOUNT
Vacancies unfilled for a period of 12 months or more	1.00	1

N.B. All figures within this report exclude seasonal posts.