

2.14 Deputy G.P. Southern of the Chief Minister regarding research into pay awards in the private sector for 2009:

Will the Chief Minister inform Members what research, if any, has been done and what evidence has been found concerning pay awards including bonuses for senior management in the private sector for 2009?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Chief Minister):

No research has been undertaken by my department concerning pay awards including bonuses for senior management in the private sector for 2009. Hassell Blampied Associates are about to complete a benchmarking survey of pay rates in the public and private sectors and this will include senior management pay. It will not include data on pay awards and bonuses paid in 2009. It is the view of the States Employment Board that the pay freeze in the public sector proposed for 2009/10 should apply to all employees including senior management.

Deputy G.P. Southern:

I am lost for words. I am told I have to ask this question of the Chief Minister and he does not know what is going on.