

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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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

Vacancies -

Department	30 June 05	31 Dec 05	30 June 06	31 Dec 06	30 May 07
Social Security	0	-1.34 full time equivalent (fte) 0 head count (h/c)	- 1.9 fte 1 h/c	1.89 fte 5 h/c	0

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Answer

Nine posts were transferred to the Chief Minister's Department in January 2006. None were vacant.

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Funds saved

Department	30 June 05	31Dec 05	30 June 06	31 Dec 06	30 May 07
Social Security	Nil	Nil – the Department had more staff in post than budgeted for due to increased resources required as a result of the on-going Business Transformation process.	£7300 (approx. postholder appointed Mid July)	Nil –One post was filled by an ‘exempt’ pensioner and the other vacant posts were unbudgeted backfill contract posts to enable existing staff to be released for testing/training for Income Support.	nil

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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

The Department does not currently have any vacancies and no posts have been left unfilled for more than 12 months