

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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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

30/06/2005	30/06/2005	31/12/2005	31/12/2005	30/06/2006	30/06/2006	31/12/2006	31/12/2006
FTE	H/C	FTE	H/C	FTE	H/C	FTE	H/C
				7.06	8	6.2	9
5.2	6	5.74	7	8.98	6	12	11

2005 - 0 Transferred in & 1 Transferred out (1 filled post)

2006 - 1 Transferred in (vacant post) & 5 Transferred out (5 filled posts)

Using an average salary it can be estimated that the gross savings were:

31/12/05	5.74 FTE vacant	=	£156,032.49
30/06/05	5.2 FTE vacant	=	£141,353.47
30/06/06	8.98 FTE vacant	=	£226,737.46
31/12/06	12 FTE vacant	=	£302,989.92

The gross savings would reduce if cover staff were required for the vacancy periods.

Current vacancies in EDD 30-05-07 = 8 posts

2 have been vacant for 12 months (Finance secondment filled post & visitor services Info Officer). The remaining 6 are