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From: Mrs Loraine Margaret Braham to Honourable Jane Lesley AAGAARD

Question: **1-5**
Could you please confirm what level the position was in the Ninth Assembly of the Assistant to the Speaker?

Answer:
Answered On: 27/06/2006
Answer: The position of Executive Officer to the Speaker was remunerated at the AO5 level with an allowance in lieu of overtime.

The information is provided by Madam Speaker, the Hon Jane Aagaard MLA, in response to matters raised in a question by the Member for Grestorex, Dr Lim MLA, relating to staffing in the Speaker's Office.

As indicated by the Clerk during the Hearings for the Department of the Legislative Assembly, attached are job descriptions for the positions of Executive Officer to the Speaker, Position No. 10735 and Personal Assistant to the Speaker, Position No. 18377.

It is advised that present staffing arrangement for the Office of the Speaker is as follows:

- Executive Officer to the Speaker Position No. 10735 Administrative Officer 6;
- Personal Assistant to the Speaker Position No. 18377, Administrative Officer 4;

The positions provide required procedural, administrative and office services support to both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker/Chairman of Committees, in their roles as Presiding Officers. This requirement reflects the increased workload of the Office of the Speaker especially in supporting the community engagement, education and outreach programs.

The positions do not perform any electorate or political functions in support of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

However, it is noted that during the 9th Assembly a position was provided by the Department Chief Minister to support the Member for Braitling and the Member for Nelson and that this arrangement is still in place. It is

understood that the position provides research and administrative support to them as Independent Members of the Assembly. This officer is at the A06 level. The previous Speaker had a Personal Assistant at the A05 level.