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15.0 Reference: Appendix I, Load Forecast, page 56

“Factors contributing to this growth [in VI’s service sector] include the following:
Possible increases in employment in the public sector following several years of
provincial government reductions.”

- 1.15.1 Numerous privatisation or alternative service delivery initiatives are still
underway in the provincial government, and the impact of these will
continue into 2005 and perhaps beyond. Please justify the assumption
that a *possible* increase in employment can be taken as contributing to
future growth in this sector, or explain this statement.

RESPONSE:

**It is assumed that after the current period of restraint of public sector employment
ends, public sector employment will tend to grow with population growth.**