

MR EDWARD SHANE HOUSTON, INVESTIGATION

1091. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 554 concerning Edward Shane Houston in the context of Section 80 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994, and ask what date in October was the Department of Health investigation commenced?
- (2) On what date was advice received that Mr Houston was charged on 6 October 2000?
- (3) Was the Director of Public Prosecution advised that a Departmental investigation had commenced in October 2000 but was suspended whilst criminal proceedings were being applied, and if so, when?
- (4) If not, why not?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (1) Following previous enquiries by the Department, a formal investigation into these matters was commenced on 9 October 2000.
- (2) 9 October 2000.
- (3) Yes. On 21 December 2000 the Health Department of WA advised the DPP that an investigation was ongoing but suspended whilst criminal proceedings were being applied.
- (4) Not applicable.