

MS DEBBIE WOODS

1303. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the answers to questions on notice Nos 803 and 1160 concerning Ms Debbie Woods and ask -

- (a) will the Minister advise why it took Mr Curry approximately 6 weeks from the date he was advised of the motor vehicle incident relating to Ms Woods, to initiate any action;
- (b) has this incident been dealt with from the beginning in a manner as prescribed under the Public Sector Management Act 1994;
- (c) if not, why not; and
- (d) was it unlawful for Mr Davies, Chairperson of ATSIC's Regional Council in Geraldton, to be driving the motor vehicle of the Indigenous Affairs Department?

Mr CARPENTER replied:

- (a) Upon being advised of the motor vehicle incident in relation to Ms Woods, line management within the Department took immediate action, which included advising the Acting Director General. The correspondence to Ms Woods, approximately six weeks after the event, followed the findings of an investigation by the line manager into the event and advice from the Principal Legal Officer.
- (b) At first instance the matter was dealt with more informally by line management. Following the findings of an investigation by the line manager into the event and advice from the Principal Legal Officer, the Acting Director General decided to pursue a more formal process as proscribed in the Public Sector Management Act 1994.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) No