

SWAN VALLEY PLANNING ACT 1995, SECTION 26 REVIEW

**1581. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

I apologise in advance for a typographical error in the question as submitted.

- (1) Is the minister aware that section 26 of the Swan Valley Planning Act 1995 requires the operation and effectiveness of the Act to be reviewed as soon as is practicable after the expiration of five years from its commencement?
- (2) Was the commencement date of the Act 25 November 1995 and, if so, was a review required to be completed as soon as practicable after 25 November 1995? That is the typographical error; it should read 2000.
- (3) Is the minister aware that section 26 requires her to prepare a report based upon the review and, as soon as practicable after the report is prepared, cause it to be laid before each House of Parliament?
- (4) Has the report been prepared?
- (5) Will the minister table the report?

**Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) This answer reflects the typographical error.  
No. The Act requires the minister to conduct a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Act as soon as is practicable after the expiration of five years from its commencement. The Act therefore became due for review after 25 November 2000.
- (3) Yes.
- (4)-(5) A review commenced in March 2000. Comments were sought by stakeholder consultation and newspaper advertisements on the need for any changes to the Act. A key issue in the submissions is the viability of the area D rural villages. The review was held in abeyance pending the outcome of a study into the area D rural villages. The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure announced her decision on area D on 29 April 2003. The review is now being progressed with the consideration of submissions received on the review and taking into account the minister's decision on the area D rural villages study. A report will be prepared on the completion of the review.