

SYNERGY AND SYNERGY REGIONAL, MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS AND MINISTERIAL STAFF

1072. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry

Will the Minister please provide details of -

- (1) All meetings held between the Minister and representatives of Synergy, Synergy Regional and the administrators of Synergy Regional, from January 1, 2003, including -
  - (a) the date of the meeting;
  - (b) the location of the meeting;
  - (c) the names of those present;
  - (d) who instigated the meeting;
  - (e) the reason for the meeting;
  - (f) whether the meeting included a meal or refreshments; and
  - (g) who paid for the meal of refreshments (if applicable)?
- (2) All meetings held between members of the Minister's staff and representatives of Synergy, Synergy Regional and the administrators of Synergy Regional, from January 1 2003, including -
  - (a) the date of the meeting;
  - (b) the location of the meeting;
  - (c) the names of those present;
  - (d) who instigated the meeting;
  - (e) the reason for the meeting;
  - (f) whether the meeting included a meal or refreshments; and
  - (g) who paid for the meal of refreshments (if applicable)?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1)(a-g) Following a request from Synergy I delivered a short speech to officially open Synergy's Albany Call Centre on 26 May 2004.

Synergy staff present at the opening were Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Van Der Ende and the Call Centre's Manager, Ms Julie Yusop. Other attendees were Peter Watson, MLA, Member for Albany; Bruce Manning, CEO of the Great Southern Development Commission; Alison Goode, the Mayor of Albany; John Berry, City of Albany's Economic Development Manager; David Juers and Jo Hummerston from Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Ministerial Media Adviser Mike Marren; Ian Bishop, Great Southern Ministerial Liaison Officer as well as media representatives.

No refreshments were provided following the ceremony.

Apart from that occasion I have had no dealings or meetings with Synergy, Synergy Regional or the administrators of Synergy Regional.

- (2)(a-g) No member of my staff has had a meeting with representatives of Synergy, Synergy Regional or the administrators of Synergy Regional.