

PLANNING LEGISLATION, CONSOLIDATION

87. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) I refer the Minister to the previous Government's Urban and Regional Planning Bill 2000 which proposed to consolidate various planning legislation, including the Town Planning and Development Act 1928, the Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act 1959 and the Western Australian Planning Commission Act 1985, apart from infrastructure changes arising out of recommendations of the Public Sector Review Taskforce, will the Minister proceed to consolidate the various pieces of planning legislation?
 - (2) When does the Minister plan to introduce such legislation?
 - (3) Apart from the infrastructure what other changes are proposed by the Minister?
 - (4) Will the Minister introduce separate legislation to amend the Appeals system, and if so when is this expected to be introduced?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1) I support the principle of consolidation and will review the planning legislation in the light of submissions received on the previous Government's draft Urban and Regional Planning Bill 2000 and the need for legislative changes arising from the recommendations of the Machinery of Government Taskforce.
- (2) At this stage I plan to bring the legislation to Parliament in 2002.
- (3) We will also be seeking to address some of the unwarranted restrictions placed on local governments in respect to planning matters in the last eight years.
- (4) Legislation to abolish Ministerial planning appeals and direct all planning appeals to the Town Planning Appeal Tribunal has been introduced.