

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT STAFF — HALT THE SALT CAMPAIGN INVOLVEMENT

**721. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Is the minister aware of complaints by Straits Resources that Department of Environment and Conservation staff involved themselves in the Halt the Salt campaign?
- (2) If so, what action was taken in response to this complaint?
- (3) Was this action taken on the direction of the minister?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(2) Yes, I am aware that some allegations have been made with respect to departmental staff. That has been subject to an investigation by the Public Sector Commission. I do not intend to comment on that further.
- (3) In relation to me, the department has a director general. He has responsibility for staffing matters. No direction has been taken by me, and I find it offensive to even stress that.