

CITY OF BELMONT, INQUIRY

**105. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Minister for Housing and Works:**

Before I ask my question, I indicate to the Minister for Racing and Gaming - one lotteries cheque and I am out of here!

At an earlier sitting I asked when the City of Belmont might be advised of the outcome of the departmental inquiry into some of its activities. The minister replied quite properly that the inquiry operated at a distance removed from him and, for that reason, he was not informed about its progress. However, he indicated that in response to my question, he would make proper inquiries. Is the minister now in a position to advise whether the outcomes of the inquiry into the City of Belmont will be made available to the mayor and councillors?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

As Hon Derrick Tomlinson said, it is correct that I advise the House in response to his question and in the terms that he has just relayed again to the House. As a result of the question he asked, I referred the issue to Department of Housing and Works and obtained a verbal brief of the timing of these questions that are being asked about the City of Belmont. As the member would expect, the minister receives a limited briefing from these inquiries. It is of the view that these things are best done entirely by the officers and that they will come back to me in due course. I have written some words down in a briefing note that I meant to send to Hon Derrick Tomlinson, which provides a clearer indication of where the department sees the inquiry going. I cannot immediately recall those words but I think the note is in my office at Parliament House so I will find it and pass it on to the member as quickly as I can.