

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL HEALTH, MR EDWARD SHANE HOUSTON

1194. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Health

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 554 of 28 June 2001 and the article in *The West Australian* of 4 May 2001 entitled 'Box probe to be made public' concerning Public Servant Edward Shane Houston and ask -

- (a) has the Minister tabled the report of the independent investigator;
- (b) if yes, when was it tabled;
- (c) if not, why not;
- (d) has the Crown Solicitor provided legal advice in respect to rights to natural justice;
- (e) if yes, when was this advice received by the Department of Health and when was it received by the Minister;
- (f) what position does Mr Houston currently hold, when was he appointed and what are his duties; and
- (g) will the Minister itemise Mr Houston's total salary package in the position he currently holds and in the position he held as General Manager, Office of Aboriginal Health?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (a) No
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) The inquiry into whether or not there has been a breach of discipline pursuant to Part 5 Division 3 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 has not concluded. I also refer the Honourable Member to my previous answer to her question 554.
- (d) No
- (e) Not applicable
- (f) Since 19 December 2002 Mr Houston has been held as a supernumerary at his substantive classification of Public Service Level 8 undertaking project work in the Population Health Division.
- (g) The current salary package (inclusive cash and superannuation) for Mr Houston as a Level 8 Public Servant is \$96,939pa. The total salary package (inclusive cash and superannuation) received by Mr Houston as General Manager, Office of Aboriginal Health was \$129,575pa.