

ARTHUR GREER, TRIAL EVIDENCE

**413. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:**

I refer to my question of 23 October regarding forensic evidence in the trial of Arthur Greer.

- (1) Evidence given by the forensic pathologist was that hairs were found in the knickers - I think the minister should read that as "underwear" - on the lower part of the body.
  - (a) Have those hairs been retained; and
  - (b) have they been analysed for mitochondrial DNA to determine whether they were hairs from the victim or from another person?
- (2) Evidence was also given that a fingerprint was found on the sticky side of the sealing tape around the body identified as that of Sharon Mason.
  - (a) Has that fingerprint been retained;
  - (b) was it matched with the fingerprints of Greer; and
  - (c) did it match?
- (3) Was the fingerprint found on the sticky side of the sealing tape around the body of Sharon Mason matched with the fingerprint of any other persons to eliminate them as possible suspects?

**Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has provided the following response -

- (1)
  - (a) Yes.
  - (b) No. The exhibit hairs in question did not contain sufficient material to enable this test to be conducted.
- (2) This question is not a true representation of the facts. Although a fingerprint exhibit was recovered during the investigation, it was not recovered in the circumstances outlined.
  - (a) A photograph of the fingerprint on the tape is retained.
  - (b) No.
  - (c) Not applicable.
- (3) No.