

SOUTHERN RAIL LINK, CONTRACTS, GOVERNMENT LIABILITY

3081. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General

I refer to the various contracts signed by the State Government in relation to the Southern Rail Link and ask -

- (a) has the Attorney General read each of the contracts concerned;
- (b) if so, has the Attorney satisfied himself that each is in order;
- (c) if not, why not;
- (d) has the Attorney General sought and/or received advice in respect of any liabilities of the State Government in relation to any of these contracts;
- (e) if so, what is that advice;
- (f) if not, why not;
- (g) will the Attorney General provide the people of Western Australia with a guarantee that liability in respect of all contracts so far signed will be limited to the amounts specified;
- (h) if not, why not;
- (i) if not, what is the maximum liability for which the Attorney General believes that the people of Western Australia, through the State Government, will be responsible;
- (j) how many more contracts remain to be signed in respect of the Southern Rail Link;
- (k) does the Attorney General expect any of these to involve additional liability;
- (l) if so, to what extent;
- (m) is there a total figure for all possible liability in respect of the Southern Rail Link;
- (n) if so, what is that figure; and
- (o) if not, when will that figure be available?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) I do not read every contract entered into by the State. Each is a matter for the Minister for the relevant portfolio
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) This is an area under the responsibility of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
- (g)-(o) See (f) above.