

MIDLAND BRICK LICENCE - APPEAL

**691. Hon PAUL LLEWELLYN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer to the new licence proposed for Midland Brick in the Swan Valley.

- (1) Is the minister aware that this licence was advertised for public appeals by the Department of Environment and Conservation nearly one year ago now?
- (2) Can the minister explain why the DEC is yet to respond to the appeals made on this licence by the public?
- (3) Is the minister aware that Midland Brick is currently operating under the same licence that was the subject of a public appeals process in 2006?
- (4) Does the minister consider that procedural fairness has been applied to the statutory appeals process in this case?
- (5) When will the minister responds to the appeals made on this licence in September 2006?

**Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided a response in the following terms -

- (1) Yes. This matter was brought to the minister's attention recently.
- (2) The Department of Environment and Conservation is analysing the appeals and will provide its advice to the Appeals Convener by the end of this week.
- (3) Yes.
- (4)-(5) The minister will consider this matter and determine the appeals when he has received the Appeals Convener's report.