

MR ED HARKEN, REPORT OF INQUIRY

1335. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education

- (1) Will the Minister advise if Mr Bill Mott is conducting an investigation into the range of matters concerning Mr Ed Harken?
- (2) If so, will the Minister outline the issues being investigated?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Is it correct that Mr Mott has prepared an interim report?
- (5) If so, what are the findings of the report and when will a final report be completed?

Mr CARPENTER replied:

- (1) Mr Mott is conducting an investigation to establish if the allegations contained in an anonymous letter passed to the Commissioner for Public Sector Standards from Ms C Edwardes have any veracity. Some of the allegations relate to Mr Harken.
- (2) No
- (3) At this stage it has not been established whether or not there is any substance to the anonymous allegations.
- (4) Yes
- (5) As this is an interim report to establish if there is any substance to the anonymous allegations, it is inappropriate to discuss the content of the report. A final report is expected by the end of February 2002.