

MR GRAHAM BURKETT, INVESTIGATION BY CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

616. Ms K. HODSON-THOMAS to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

In light of the current corruption investigations into ministerial chief of staff Graham Burkett over planning issues, I ask -

- (1) Can the minister confirm that Mr Burkett was a member of her campaign team in the weeks or months leading up to the February 2001 state election?
- (2) What role did Mr Burkett play in her campaign?
- (3) Has Mr Burkett subsequently made any formal or informal representation directly to the minister or any of her ministerial officers on behalf of private developers?
- (4) If so, can the minister please provide full details of those representations and the projects involved?

Point of Order

Mr J.C. KOBELKE: We know that the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure is a very capable minister who can handle a range of issues, and clearly would do so and continues to do so. However, this question has nothing to do with her portfolio and is, therefore, outside the standing orders.

Mrs C.L. EDWARDES: It is quite clear that the question is directly related to the minister's planning portfolio and whether she had any knowledge of a person on her campaign team making subsequent representations to her on planning issues.

The SPEAKER: The question is in four parts. The first two parts do not relate to the minister's responsibilities; however, the last two do.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms K. HODSON-THOMAS: The last two parts to the question are as follows -

- (3) Has Mr Burkett subsequently made any formal or informal representation directly to the minister or any of her ministerial officers on behalf of private developers?
- (4) If so, can the minister please provide full details of those representations and the projects involved?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (3)-(4) I certainly have no recollection of any such representations. Mr Burkett was not part of my campaign team at any time. However, he did compere a quiz night for me twice. That is the limit of his involvement.