

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2001, ATTITUDES OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS

1057. Mr Graham to the Minister representing the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

- (1) Did the Minister determine the attitude of each Regional Development Commission in his portfolio area towards the Electoral Amendment Bill 2001?
- (2) If not why not?
- (3) If so -
 - (a) how was that attitude determined;
 - (b) when was that attitude determined; and
 - (c) what was the attitude of each Development Commission?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1) No.
- (2)-(3) The Bill seeks to apply the fundamental principle that every citizen should have an equal say in electing the State Government. Indeed, this basic principle of representative government has been part of the ALP policy for over 100 years. Therefore, the attitude of the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne Development Commissions was not sought.