

TOODYAY BUSHFIRE — ENERGYSAFETY REPORT

**545. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the Toodyay fire and the 13 August release of the EnergySafety report into the causes of the fire.

- (1) Has the minister visited or is he planning a visit to Toodyay following the release of the report; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Will the minister meet with the residents about their concerns?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) I visited Toodyay just after the fire. There was a town meeting and it was a very cohesive town, I have to say. A tremendous amount of goodwill exists within the community despite the effects of the fire. I did visit the town just after the fire. I have not visited the town since the release of the report. As I said, at this stage I have every intention of visiting Toodyay again; I can assure the honourable member. I would prefer to wait until we get the EnergySafety report with regard to negligence and the process will continue from that stage. At this stage, as I said, I am kept very informed of what is going on in Toodyay and of the attitude of members of the local community. I am very conscious of the fact that they want some certainty and some outcome, and we as a government will attempt to do all that we possibly can to expedite the insurance claims.