

ST ANDREWS IDEA PROJECT

181. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer to the announcement on 16 August 2002 of the St Andrews IDEA project in Perth's northern corridor and ask -

- (a) is this the same project in which the previous Coalition State Government was a participant;
- (b) is it correct that this project has been in the pipeline for several years;
- (c) if so, is it correct that a web site set up in March 2000 to help identify suitable industries attracted more than 30 000 hits in less than four weeks;
- (d) does the Premier acknowledge the efforts of the previous Government in laying the groundwork for this project;
- (e) if so, why did he not publicly acknowledge these efforts in his media statement of 16 August 2002; and
- (f) is this just another example of the Government trying to make people believe that it has been responsible for an initiative started by its predecessors?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a)-(f) The St Andrews Project is an urban development project in the Yanchep area which is owned by the Tokyu Corporation. The genesis of the project stems from the mid-1970s.

The IDEA component of the St Andrews Project is a joint initiative between State and Local Government and the project proponent, Tokyu Corporation. It is promoting economic development and employment as a key component of potential future development.

The IDEA project was commenced in 1998 but the Commonwealth Government recognised the more recent achievements of the IDEA project namely according it Major Project Facilitation Status, which was the subject of my press release in August 2002.