

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999, ASSESSMENT
BILATERAL AGREEMENT

88. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Has the minister been briefed on the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 ('EPBC Act') and its potential to impact on urban development?
 - (2) Is the minister aware that in the April 2001 edition of 'Urban Link' the Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA Division) newsletter, there is a suggestion that proponents do not wish to trigger dual assessment of their development applications by both the Commonwealth and the State and are waiting for finalisation of 'assessment bilaterals'?
 - (3) When will the State Government agree and sign an assessment bilateral agreement under the EPBC Act with the federal Government?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1)-(2) Yes.
- (3) The Government has not yet determined this matter.