

ESPERANCE CLEAN-UP

435. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer the minister to the statement made yesterday on the Department of Environment and Conservation website that the public meeting that was scheduled to be held in Esperance next Tuesday, 12 May, has been cancelled. The meeting was intended to provide the community with an update on the Esperance clean-up and provide the results of the human health and ecological risk assessment.

- (1) Has the minister seen this assessment?
- (2) Is it true that the meeting was cancelled on legal advice?
- (3) If yes to (2), what was the legal advice?
- (4) Can the minister advise when and if this public meeting will be held?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for the question. I ask that the question be put on notice. I will be happy to get back to her, if I can, by the end of question time. I understand that some advice was provided to my office and that some legal issues were raised. I would prefer to check on that before I give an answer, just to make sure that I give the correct information. I will try to get that information to the member.