

PUBLIC SECTOR COMMISSION — HOUSING AUTHORITY REVIEW

**1401. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:**

I refer to the minister's announcement of the Public Sector Commission's independent review into the Housing Authority within the Department of Communities.

- (1) What is "independent" about this review?
- (2) What are the specific terms of reference of the review?
- (3) Does the commission have the adequate expertise and personnel to undertake this review without the need to second other public sector employees and/or have the assistance of the private sector?
- (4) What time line has been specified for a final or even an interim report?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The review is being undertaken by the Public Sector Commissioner, who is an independent statutory office holder specifically required by the Public Sector Management Act 1994 to act independently in the performance of her functions. The commissioner has specific powers and responsibilities under the act to undertake reviews into the operations of public sector bodies.
- (2) I will table a copy of the review's specific terms of reference when they are finalised.
- (3) It is open to the commissioner to make a decision about how best to undertake the review, including the use of internal or external resources.
- (4) A time line has not been finalised for a final or an interim report. This will be considered in the context of the ongoing criminal investigation by the WA Police Force and the Corruption and Crime Commission.