

SOUTHERN RAIL LINK, CITY RAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

540. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the City Rail Development Project and ask: -

- (a) when does the Government expect to be in a position to indicate the dates on which buildings facing potential demolition will know their fate;
- (b) when does the Government expect to be in a position to indicate the method by which it will acquire any affected properties and the basis on which compensation will be determined;
- (c) what processes of consultation does the Government intend with affected property owners, tenants, businesses and their employees;
- (d) is it anticipated that plans will change during the demolition phase;
- (e) if so, to what extent; and
- (f) when is it anticipated that these plans will be finalised?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) Government expects to provide final confirmation of its CBD land acquisition and development strategy by the end of February 2003, including final details of the buildings to be demolished.
- (b) By the end of March 2003.

The land acquisition process will commence with negotiation with property owners followed by, if required, resumption and compensation in accordance with sections 9 and 10 of the Land Administration Act 1997.
- (c) Consultation with property owners, tenants, businesses and their employees has been ongoing from March 2002, when a public forum was held as part of the CBD rail route selection process. Since that time, there has been regular communication with key stakeholders, including monthly visits to affected businesses from September 2002. Communications management is being undertaken in accordance with the City Rail Development Communication Plan. An important initiative is the establishment of a project information office at 124 William Street, located within the affected precinct. This facility will provide ready access to up to date information on a day to day basis. In addition, a specialist negotiation team will be formed for the land acquisition phase.
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Plans will be finalised in early 2004, well before demolition commences.