

BUDGET STATEMENTS, GRACETOWN, DOLA RESIDENTIAL WORK

647. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) There is no mention in the 2001-02 *Budget Statements* of the Department of Land Administration's residential work in progress for Gracetown. What happened to this item which appeared in the previous year's budget papers?
- (2) Why has the minister reneged on her election commitment to review the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge statement of planning policy on future plans for Gracetown?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The residential, industrial and commercial land development responsibilities of DOLA are in the process of being transferred to LandCorp, which will assume responsibility as the State's land developer. However, there is no commitment to or approval for development of crown land at Gracetown and hence it would be inappropriate to include reference to it in the *Budget Statements*.
- (2) The minister has not reneged on an election commitment. Following the change of government, the Government received a number of requests not to review the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge statement of planning policy in its entirety because it is generally soundly based and reflective of extensive community consultation.

In response to community concerns about some coastal development sites, including Gracetown, the Government sought advice from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure. The minister intends meeting with the Gracetown community early in the new year to discuss the future planning of the area. The Government has acted to ensure that the Western Australian Planning Commission reviews the content of the statement of planning policy as it relates to Smiths Beach, which is the focus of community concerns.