

WA PLANNING COMMISSION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCHEME AMENDMENTS, DELAYS IN APPROVING

1935. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to the WA Property News, December 2002, article entitled 'Delays in handling Local Government Scheme Amendments' and ask -

- (a) how many scheme amendments are currently with the WA Planning Commission for recommendation to the Minister on final approval;
- (b) what is the average time taken for the Commission to provide your office with a recommendation on a scheme amendment during the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003;
- (c) how many scheme amendments are currently in the office of the Minister awaiting decision on final approval;
- (d) what is the average time taken for scheme amendments to be considered in the office of the Minister in relation to a decision on final approval during the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003; and
- (e) what was the average time taken to gazette a scheme amendment from the time of lodgement with the Western Australian Government during the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) At noon 17 December 2003, there were 33 Town Planning Scheme Amendments being considered by the Commission.
- (b) 2000/01 - 106 days  
2001/02 - 121 days  
2002/03 - 113 days
- (c) At noon 17 December 2003, there were 7 amendments in my office for final approval. I have given initial consideration to each of these amendments, and as a result, I have requested further information from either the respective Council or the WAPC, or asked my staff to conduct further investigations, as unresolved issues were evident. These amendments will be dealt with once the required information has been provided.
- (d) 2000/01 - 29 days  
2001/02 - 122 days  
2002/03 - 75 days  
2003/04 - 14 days
- (e) 2000/01 - 216 days  
2001/02 - 507 days  
2002/03 - 251 days