

MR EDWARD SHANE HOUSTON, DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

1090. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Peel and the South West
- (1) I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 748 concerning Edward Shane Houston and ask was the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) advised in writing that no disciplinary charges had commenced against Mr Houston?
 - (2) If not, how was the advice received?
 - (3) Who gave the advice?
 - (4) Was the DPP advised that an investigation by the Department of Health was commenced in October 2000 and if so when?
 - (5) Was the DPP advised that the investigation was suspended whilst criminal proceedings were being applied and if so when?
 - (6) In the DPP Media Release of 2 May 2001 he said ‘... as a result of information recently received from the Health Department’, what information was received, what date was this information received and from whom?

Mr McGINTY replied:

- (1)-(3) The Director of Anti-Corruption Commission Investigations at the Anti-Corruption Commission advised in writing by letter dated 13 September 2000 that no disciplinary proceedings had commenced against Houston.
- (4) The DPP was not advised that an investigation was commenced in October 2000,
- (5) The DPP was not advised that an investigation was suspended whilst criminal proceedings were being applied, and
- (6) By letter dated 18 April 2001 the Director, Corporate Management at the Health Department advised that the Departmental Investigation was continuing and following receipt of information from the DPP an investigation under Part 5, Division 3 of the Public Sector Management Act, 1994 would then proceed which may result in disciplinary proceedings under that Act.