

ECOSCAPE (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD, ALBION TOWN PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

1352. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Minister for Housing and Works:

- (1) Is the minister aware that in late 1996 a contract for environmental studies of the Albion town development at Caversham was let by his department to Ecoscape (Australia) Pty Ltd without a date specified for finalisation and presentation of a report?
- (2) Is the minister aware that no report has been presented to the Department of Housing and Works?
- (3) Is the minister aware that delays have been caused to the Albion town project because Ecoscape has not reported?
- (4) Will the minister have this matter investigated, including consultants' fees paid or payable to Ecoscape, and report his findings to this House?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

(1)-(4) I am aware of the honourable member's interest in the Albion development.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: I hope you do not mean a vested interest.

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS: I am aware that these matters have been proceeding for a not inconsiderable time and they are a matter of some angst for our mutual constituents. In fact I anticipate seeing one of them again fairly shortly. I note what the honourable member has said and he will have a considered response very soon.