

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION - CODE OF ETHICS

2173. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Do all Department of Environment and Conservation staff have an obligation and a responsibility under the public sector Code of Ethics and *Public Sector Management Act 1994* to provide impartial, correct, honest advice to the Minister on all matters?
 - (a) If not, why not; and
 - (b) If yes, why?
- (2) Is it appropriate for the Chief Executive Officer or any other staff member to provide incorrect and misleading information to the Minister and in turn to the Parliament of Western Australia which may constitute a breach of discipline under the Public Sector Code of Ethics and the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*?
 - (a) If not, why not; and
 - (b) If yes, why?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) All staff have an obligation and responsibility to comply with legislation and policies.
- (2) No.
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 - (b) Not applicable.