

MR WINZER, PUBLIC INTEREST CLAIM

541. Hon Jim Scott to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Further to question without notice No. 988 of December 20 2001 -

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that there was no investigation of Mr Niel Winzer's public interest claim by the Department of Transport because the Executive Director of Transport Corporate Services believed that doing so would have been going backwards not forwards and would only heighten angst and concern amongst the staff?
- (2) Why did Transport not provide a reply to Mr Winzer regarding -
 - (a) the conflicting information given to employees by Transport relating to organisational change; and
 - (b) why Mr Winzer was subject to disadvantages as a result of him asking questions on this issue?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1) The former Department of Transport and, more recently, the Department for Planning and Infrastructure has received a number of submissions from Mr Winzer and each one has been examined by senior officers of the Department. In addition, Mr Winzer's claims regarding the Department of Transport have either been investigated or considered for investigation by the following bodies:
 - Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (formerly the Department of Productivity and Labour Relations)
 - Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission
 - Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner
 - Equal Opportunity Commission
 - Anti Corruption Commission
 - Standing Committee on Public Administration
 - Legislative Council Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
 - Office of the Auditor General
 - WorkCover, Conciliation and Review Directorate
- (2)
 - (a) Departmental records indicate that replies have been provided to all of Mr Winzer's correspondence addressed to the Department.
 - (b) As above.