

CENTRAL CITY RAIL PROJECT, COST OVERRUNS

937. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

Notice was given of this question, Mr President. I refer to the minister's continued attempts to play down the prospect of cost overruns and delays in the central city rail project.

- (1) Will the minister please confirm that the contractors have encountered more than 100 000 cubic metres of soil contamination during drilling and excavation in The Esplanade and Perth yard sites?
- (2) If so, please provide details of the categories of contamination of the soil and the approximate volume of each category encountered?
- (3) Will the minister provide an assurance that there is no public safety risk in the contamination of the soil or its removal?
- (4) What is the anticipated cost and who will pay for its removal?
- (5) If the contractor will pay, will the minister please table the relevant clause of the contract?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

Again on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I advise the member that an answer to the question is not available. It is anticipated that an answer to both questions will be available tomorrow.