

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, ELECTORATE OFFICES, DELAYS

174. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources; Federal Affairs

I refer the Premier to page 100 of the 2005-2006 State Budget and the line items relating to electorate office capital works, and ask -

- (a) there has been an inordinate delay in the housing of Members of Parliament in electorate offices. Will you provide an explanation for this; and
- (b) when will all Opposition Members be expected to be housed in their Electorate Offices?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a)-(b) All Opposition Members of Parliament, with the exception of the Member for Capel, are housed in an office established by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet either on a permanent or temporary basis. The Member for Capel moved into his new office on 15 July 2005. Seventeen other Opposition Members of Parliament have asked to be relocated, which takes some 4 - 6 months from the date suitable premises are identified.