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REDCLIFFE PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT

1366. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the vision plan and implementation strategy for Redcliffe precinct development area 6 produced by the City of Belmont in 2016, of which very little progress on statutory reforms has been made.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the obstructions being placed by the Minister for Environment and regulators at the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation regarding the drainage necessary to facilitate the plan?
- (2) Why did the director general of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation only attend three out of 22 meetings of the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2022–23?
- (3) How will the Cook Labor government deliver sensible urban density around urban rail stations if it does not address the lack of coordination across portfolios in the state?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Planning.

(1)–(3) Any questions regarding the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation should be directed to the relevant minister. Directors general prioritise attendance at WAPC meetings when there are significant issues for consideration in their portfolios. When directors general are unable to attend in person, they will generally seek to send a person in their place.

Planning has significantly moved on since the publishing of the vision plan document in 2016 by the City of Belmont. An improvement plan is already in place over the area, and an improvement scheme is currently being prepared in consultation with various state government agencies, including the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.