

LANDGATE OFFICES — SALE

1236. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Finance:

I refer to the sale of the Midland Landgate building.

- (1) Did the amount paid in stamp duty on the transaction reflect the sale price?
- (2) If yes to (1), is the minister confident that the state has complied with the appropriate legislation?
- (3) If yes to (2), on what basis does the minister have that confidence?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Commissioner of State Revenue exercises his statutory functions and powers in an independent manner and is not subject to direction in respect of those functions or powers. The Commissioner of State Revenue has established assessment practices to ensure the correct tax liability is assessed on a transaction. These practices are well established and supported by legislation, and are in place to provide the community with confidence that the state's tax and grant schemes are administered in a fair and equitable manner.