

MR NEIL WINZER, PUBLIC INTEREST CLAIM, INVOLVEMENT OF ADVISERS

282. Hon JIM SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Can the minister confirm or deny that departmental officers who have advised the minister in the past on Mr Neil Winzer's public interest claim, including claims of fraud, falsification of records and perjury, are among the officers that Mr Winzer has named as being central to his public interest claim?
- (2) Will the minister investigate and report on whether any of the officers who have provided the minister with advice in the past are included in the list of officers that Mr Winzer advised of in his letter to the minister of 22 February 2001, his letter to the Premier of 30 October 2001 or his letter to the director general of 9 September 2002?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) I am advised that in his former roles as the Director General of the Department of Transport and the Acting Director General of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Mike Harris provided advice to the minister on this matter. Mr Harris left the Western Australian public service in 2002. I am advised that no other current or past officers of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure whom Mr Winzer has named as being central to his public interest claim have advised the current minister on Mr Winzer's public interest claim.