

TENDERS ABORTED BY THE STATE TENDERS COMMITTEE

917. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Housing and Works:

- (1) Will the minister list the tenders that had a contract value of \$100 000 or above that were aborted by the State Tenders Committee during 2002-03 and 2003-04 and the reason?
- (2) Is there compensation in circumstances when a contract is aborted?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The role of the State Tenders Committee is to endorse or make recommendations, or both, on procurement plans and contract evacuations referred to it by the Department of Treasury and Finance - as the Government's operational procurement agency - and the chief executive officers of other public authorities. It is not the role of the State Tenders Committee to abort contracts. That is a decision that rests with the accountable officer of the agency. Therefore, in the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2004 the State Tenders Committee did not abort any tenders.
- (2) A contract or a tender process may be determined for a variety of reasons. The availability of compensation for any party to the contract or any participant in a tender process will be dependent on the circumstances of the termination and can be determined only on a case-by-case basis.