

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR NEIL WINZER

1800. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In light of the response to question on notice No. 541 which was provided in May 2002, regarding the Department having followed the legal practice of keeping all records relating to Mr Winzer's public interest claim -

- (1) Will the Minister table records that support the evidence provided by former Director General, Dr Chris Whitaker, regarding the 'many discussions' (WorkCover transcript 7.3.00-pp2122-5) he had with Mr Winzer addressing his public interest claim?
- (2) Will the Minister table documents letters records that might support the evidence provided by former A/Director General regarding the 'number of documents - letters sent to Mr Winzer, asking for substantiated (sic) of claims' (WorkCover transcript 23.2.00-p1588)?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

- (1) The following documents are tabled:
 - a) Memorandum from Mr Neil Winzer to Dr Chris Whitaker dated 23 June 1997. In this memorandum, Mr Winzer requests an appointment with Dr Whitaker.
 - b) Letter from Mr Neil Winzer to Dr Chris Whitaker dated 21 September 1997. In this letter Mr Winzer refers to a meeting on the 31 July 1997 and to 'further discussions.'
 - c) Letter from Dr Chris Whitaker to Mr Neil Winzer dated 6 October 1997 responding to Mr Winzer's letter of 21 September 1997.

I am unaware of any documentation the former Director General may have to substantiate his position as part of his personal records

- (2) The following documents are tabled:
 - a) Letter from Mr Mike Harris to Ilbery Barblett, Barristers & Solicitors, dated 3 February 1999 responding to correspondence dated 29 January and 1 February 1999.
 - b) Letter from Mr Mike Harris to Mr Neil Winzer dated 3 February 1999 as follow up to the meeting of 29 January and letter of 1 February.
 - c) Letter from Mr Mike Harris to Mr Neil Winzer dated 1 February 1999 regarding the meeting of 29 January 1999
 - d) Letter from Ilbery Barblett, Barristers & Solicitors dated 1 February 1999
 - e) Letter from Ilbery Barblett, Barristers & Solicitors dated 29 January 1999
 - f) Notes of a meeting held at 10.55am on Friday 29 January 1999 between Mr Neil Winzer, Mr Mike Harris and Mr Mark Bodycoat. At this meeting Mr Winzer was asked to provide any information he held to support allegations indicating corruption or maladministration in Transport. Mr Winzer requested union assistance and was given until 4pm that day to provide any supporting information.
 - g) Notes of a meeting held at 4.15pm Friday 29 January 1999 between Mr Neil Winzer, Mr Mike Harris and Mr Mark Bodycoat. No substantiating information was provided.

[See paper No 2157.]