

MR NEIL WINZER, PUBLIC INTEREST CLAIM

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

- (1) Will the minister confirm or deny that departmental officers who are advising the minister 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 central to his public interest claim?
- (2) Will the minister investigate and report on whether any of the officers currently providing the minister with advice are included on the list of officers Mr Winzer advised of in his letter of 22 February 2001 to the minister, his letter of 30 October 2001 to the Premier or his letter of 9 September 2002 to the director general?

**Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:**

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I have the following response -

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Director General of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure has advised the minister that officers of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure whom Mr Winzer has named as central to the public interest claim are not advising the minister in relation to Mr Winzer's public interest claim.
- (2) The director general of the DPI has advised the minister that none of the officers included in Mr Winzer's letter of 22 February to the minister, his letter of 30 October to the Premier and his letter of 9 September to the director general is currently providing advice to the minister on Mr Winzer's public interest claim.