

PORT KENNEDY PROJECT, LEONHARDT REPORT

423. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) When did the Minister for Planning receive the Leonhardt report on the Port Kennedy project?
- (2) What action has the minister taken to redress the problems outlined in the report?
- (3) Have any changes been made to the development plans for Port Kennedy and have these been tabled in Parliament; and if so, when?
- (4) Does the minister intend to reassign the project?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am very pleased that I have an answer for him. I am very pleased that when Hon Jim Scott gives notice of questions, he does ask them.

- (1) November 1999.
- (2) The Minister for Planning has taken separate legal and professional advice on the issues raised in the report and the various options available to address those issues. In addition, the minister has afforded Port Kennedy Resorts Pty Ltd the opportunity to comment on the findings. As a result, the minister is awaiting legal advice on the necessary actions to progress the project.
- (3) Pursuant to clause 5 of the Port Kennedy project development agreement, phases 1 to 3 of the Port Kennedy development plan were approved in April 1995 and phases 4 to 8 were approved in September 1996. The development plan was subsequently modified in December 1996 pursuant to clause 6 of the Port Kennedy project development agreement. Neither clause 5 nor clause 6 requires referral to Parliament.
- (4) The Minister for Planning has received a proposal from Port Kennedy Resorts Pty Ltd to reassign its rights in the project. This proposal is being considered in conjunction with the minister's actions on the Leonhardt report.