

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1992

180. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Minister for Transport aware of section 3 of the Freedom of Information Act 1992, which outlines the objects of the act, and in particular subsection (3), which states —

Nothing in this Act is intended to prevent or discourage the publication of information, or the giving of access to documents (including documents containing exempt matter), or the amendment of personal information, otherwise than under this Act if that can properly be done or is permitted or required by law to be done.

- (2) If the minister is aware of this section, can he explain why he will not provide information in answer to parliamentary questions but, rather, suggests that members seek it under freedom of information?
- (3) Is this another example of the Barnett government refusing to be open and accountable?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(3) The minister is aware of the Freedom of Information Act and the important role it plays in keeping government open and accountable.