

FREMANTLE BYPASS, GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

123. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Is the Minister aware of a report on page one of the *Fremantle Herald*, July 21, 2001 in which Main Roads staffer David Rice said the Fremantle Bypass was merely 'on hold'?
 - (2) Has David Rice stated accurately the Government's policy on the Fremantle Bypass?
 - (3) If not, what is the Government's policy?
 - (4) Is the Minister aware that such comments from Main Roads' staff is creating confusion in the Fremantle community?
 - (5) What action has the Minister taken to clear up the confusion?
 - (6) What action has the Minister taken with senior MRWA staff to clear up any misunderstanding they may have about the Government's position on the Fremantle Bypass?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3)-(6) The Government's clear policy is that the Fremantle Eastern Bypass will not proceed. The Commissioner of Main Roads has assured the Hon Minister for Planning and Infrastructure that Main Roads fully understands and is committed to the Government's position.
The Commissioner regrets any confusion the reported comments may have caused.