

DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE - MR NEIL WINZER

2926. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) Is the Premier aware of a recommendation tabled in the Legislative Council in September 2007 by the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs recommending that immediate steps be taken to resolve the issue of Mr Neil Winzer's employment with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI)?
- (2) Will the Premier advise whether he received a letter on 4 October 2007 from Mr Winzer noting that the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs had documentation in relation to his public interest disclosure claim?
- (3) In what year did Mr Winzer cease employment with DPI and in what year was he offered a voluntary severance payment?
- (4) Will the Premier advise the number of formal and informal requests Mr Winzer has made to his office in relation to the reinstatement of his position with DPI and lost remuneration?
- (5) Will the Premier advise whether he is aware if Mr Winzer has made a claim of misconduct against the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to Malcolm McCusker QC?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Correspondence was received from Mr Winzer on 5 October 2007 drawing my attention to the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs and noting that the Committee had access to information which outlined Mr Winzer's claims about the "issue of [his] employment".
- (3) I am advised that Mr Winzer remains an employee of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) and all questions concerning his employment history should be addressed to that organisation through the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
- (4) Among the numerous pieces of correspondence received from Mr Winzer, as at 20 November 2007, five were regarding the "re-start" of his pay. None of Mr Winzer's requests have referred to the reinstatement of his position with DPI. I am not aware of any informal requests to myself or my office by Mr Winzer on these matters.
- (5) Yes, I received correspondence from Mr Winzer on 19 April 2007 indicating that he had made a claim of misconduct against the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to the Parliamentary Inspector, Mr Malcolm McCusker QC.