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PYRTON SITE, BASSENDEAN, MANAGEMENT

- 831. Hon Jim Scott to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- (1) Can the Minister inform the House which Government Agencies currently retain ownership or management responsibilities for the Pyrton site in Bassendean?
- (2) Is the Government considering or preparing any development proposal for the Pyrton site?
- (3) Is yes, can you identify the proponent(s) and details of the development proposals?
- (4) With each development proposal can the Minister indicate if it will be -
 - (a) residential;
 - (b) commercial; or
 - (c) industrial?
- What guarantees can the Minister provide that indigenous groups will have joint management of any development at the Pyrton site and access to their culturally significant locations?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1) The Disability Services Commission owns most of the Pyrton site in Bassendean, but part of the site is also owned by the Minister for Works. The portion owned by the Minister for Works is currently managed by the Department of Justice, but arrangements are in hand for this portion of the site to be managed in the future by the Department of Housing and Works. The Disability Services Commission currently manages its part of the site.
- (2)-(4) Yes. Specific details have not been developed but the Minister for Housing and Works has suggested that further consultation occurs with the community with a view to the site being vested in the Town of Bassendean. The Department of Housing and Works is liaising with the Town of Bassendean on the matter.
- (5) There is no reason why a representative Aboriginal legal entity cannot be jointly involved with the Town of Bassendean in future management of the site and have access to culturally significant locations.