

PLANNING, STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

340. Mr BROWN to the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Has the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee of the Western Australian Planning Commission identified strategic infrastructure, which is necessary for the social and economic development of the State?
- (2) Has the Committee given any priority to the provision of that infrastructure?
- (3) What are the top twelve projects the Committee has recommended, that do not have a funding allocation in the 2000/2001 State Budget?
- (4) What study or studies has the Committee or the Western Australian Planning Commission released on infrastructure needs in the last twelve months?
- (5) What study or studies commissioned by the Committee or the Western Australian Planning Commission have been completed but not yet released?
- (6) What studies does the Committee or the Western Australian Planning Commission expect to be complete in the next six months?
- (7) What study or studies have been commissioned by the Committee and/or the Western Australian Planning Commission since 1 July 1999?

Mr KIERATH replied:

- (1)-(7) The Infrastructure Coordinating Committee was established under the Western Australian Planning Commission Act 1995. It has a wide ranging role in the coordination of infrastructure across the State. The Committee has prepared development programs for the Perth Metropolitan area and major regional towns and has considered a wide range of reports on industrial land, regional mineral province studies and specific infrastructure such as schools, water supply and sewerage. The Committee works closely with all major Government infrastructure suppliers and local government authorities. Given the nature and extent of your questions, I will arrange for you to be briefed by a senior officer of the Ministry for Planning and a representative of the Western Australian Planning Commission.