

COLLIE RESIDENTIAL LOTS — INFERIOR CONDITION

1701. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Lands

LandCorp recently developed and released additional residential blocks in Buckingham Way Collie. Owners of these blocks have had to spend considerable funds on landfill prior to construction, after it was found that the material used to fill the lots contained logs, rotting matter and gravel boulders and was found by the Collie Shire to be unsuitable for the construction of a residential dwelling. One owner has had to pay in excess of \$13,000 for removal of inferior material and refill of suitable material. I ask the Minister:

- (a) will LandCorp accept responsibility for the inferior condition of the blocks; and
- (b) will the Government refund the owners of these blocks the costs incurred to have the lots refilled with sand and made suitable to build on?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) No, I am advised that LandCorp's contractors used sand and gravel fill to level the lots in Buckingham Way to yield Class S sites in accordance with AS 2870 — Residential Slabs and Footings Construction. No logs, vegetable matter or boulders were placed on the lots.
- (b) No — the recommendation to excavate and install a sand pad onto these sites is a preference by builders to assist with footings design and installation. The sale prices for the lots were based on market valuations which took into account the lot design and construction finishes.