

WILLIAM STREET CITY RAIL DEVELOPMENT

900. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary presenting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Will the minister assure me that heritage structures such as the Gledden Building, the Palace Hotel and the Wesley Church will not suffer any damage from the construction of the William Street city rail development?
- (2) Is it the Government's intention to pay compensation if damage occurs or is it the responsibility of the contractor, Leighton Kumagai?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) It is a requirement of the New MetroRail city project design and construct contract that the works be designed and constructed such that damage to heritage buildings is limited to the defined level of "very slight", which corresponds to fine cracking that can be easily treated during normal redecoration. The contractor must design and construct the temporary and permanent works, including building protection if required, and monitor and control ground and building movements in accordance with this obligation.
- (2) The contract requires that all building damage repairs be undertaken by the contractor. The Government will meet the actual cost of damage to the level of "very slight" from a provisional sum included in the contract price. The contractor is fully responsible for the cost of any repairs to damage exceeding this limit.