

CENTRAL CITY RAIL PROJECT, COST OVERRUNS

**958. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

I asked this yesterday with regard to the city rail project.

- (1) Will the minister please confirm that the contractors have encountered more than 100 000 cubic metres of soil contamination during drilling and excavation in The Esplanade and Perth yard sites?
- (2) If so, will the minister please provide details of the categories of contamination of the soil and the approximate volume of each category encountered?
- (3) Will the minister provide an assurance that there is no public safety risk in the contamination of the soil or its removal?
- (4) What is the anticipated cost and who will pay for its removal?
- (5) If the contractor will pay, will the minister please table the relevant clause of the contract?

**Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I am advised that the assumptions contained in the preamble to the question asked yesterday are baseless.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The contracted sum covers the removal of 25 200 cubic metres. There is no evidence to suggest that this volume will be significantly exceeded.
- (5) Contaminated material is dealt with under clause 4.6 of the contract 27/03 project deed, which has been tabled.

I also have an answer to the question the Leader of the Opposition was seeking to ask earlier.

The PRESIDENT: I will give the opportunity to the Leader of the Opposition later if he seeks it.