

STATUTORY COMMITTEES — REVIEW

956. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to page 24 of the March 2009 document “Building a Better Planning System”, which states that there is a need to review the effectiveness of a number of statutory committees provided for in the Planning and Development Act 2005, including the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee; the Coastal Planning and Coordination Council; the Sustainable Transport Committee; the Statutory Planning Committee; the Executive, Finance and Property Committee; regional planning committees; and district planning committees.

- (1) Has the review been completed?
- (2) If so, what did the review find?
- (3) If not, why not?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Western Australian Planning Commission approved the discharge of the following committees: Araluen Botanic Park Board of Management, Environment and Natural Resources Management Committee, Goldfields–Esperance Regional Planning and Infrastructure Coordinating Committee, Greater Bunbury Region Planning Committee, Metropolitan Region Planning Committee, Parliament House Precinct Committee, Priorities Committee, Public Utilities Services Committee, School Sites Planning Committee, Sustainability Committee, WAPC–WALGA committee, western Victoria Quay advisory committee, and Whiteman Park Board of Management.

Any function for which a discharged committee had responsibility has been incorporated into the retained committee structure or alternative arrangements have been put in place. The WAPC also made some longstanding committees advisory, with meetings to be convened at the direction of the WAPC. These committees are the Coastal Planning and Coordination Council, the Sustainable Transport Committee and five metropolitan district planning committees. The WAPC retained the following committees: the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee; the Statutory Planning Committee; the Executive, Finance and Property Committee; the Central Perth Planning Committee; and the South West, Peel, Kimberley, Pilbara Gascoyne and Mid West regional planning committees.

- (3) Not applicable.