

MID-WEST REGIONAL FLORA SURVEY

731. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) Can the minister advise what is causing the delay of the mid-west regional flora survey that is severely hampering further subdivision of Ocean Heights Estate, Glenfield?
- (2) Can the minister provide a timeframe for this survey, given that it needs to be undertaken in spring - which is already upon us - otherwise there will be a further 12-month delay?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Department for Planning and Infrastructure convened a steering committee to develop a consultancy brief to undertake a vegetation survey. This brief has been prepared; however informal contact indicated the unavailability of suitably qualified personnel for the survey to be completed this year. The contract is planned to be advertised shortly for the project to be completed by the end of 2008.
- (2) See answer to (1).