

AUSTIN COVE SUBDIVISION — FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

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

- (1) Are any parts of the Austin Cove subdivision, or any other subdivision approved in the last two years by the Shire of Murray, in areas subject to flooding according to any of the flood prediction mechanisms employed by the state planning authorities?
- (2) If yes to (1), what provisions have been made to ensure that these areas will not be inundated if WA experiences the kind of extreme weather conditions that recently occurred in Queensland?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) When assessing planning or development proposals within a defined river floodplain, the Western Australian Planning Commission seeks advice from the Department of Water and utilises the Department of Water's floodplain mapping prepared for particular river systems, such as the Murray River. This approach has been, and continues to be, taken in the assessment for other subdivisions in the Shire of Murray. Parts of the Austin Cove subdivision are located on the flood fringe of the Murray River 100-year average recurrence interval floodplain. The flood fringe is that part of the floodplain where proposed development, including fill, is acceptable with regard to major river flooding, subject to certain development conditions. No dwellings in Austin Cove are proposed to be located within the 100-year average recurrence interval floodway for the Murray River.
- (2) Under Western Australian Planning Commission planning policy, minimum habitable floor levels of 0.50 metres above the 100-year average recurrence interval flood level are to be achieved.