

ELIZABETH QUAY — WATER PARK — WATER TESTING

292. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the minister representing the Premier:

I refer to the water park at Elizabeth Quay and the answer to question 265 yesterday.

- (1) Who were the staff members in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Premier's Office advised of the water quality concerns on —
 - (a) 28 January; and
 - (b) 29 January?
- (2) Was the Premier notified of these concerns on either 28 or 29 January prior to the 4.00 pm opening event?
- (3) What action did each individual staff member and/or the Premier take?
- (4) Was not opening the water park at 4.00 pm on 29 January ever considered by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, which had the oversight role for the opening activities?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1)
 - (a) Mr Richard May, Deputy Director General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Mr Willie Rowe, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier.
 - (b) Mr Damien Carbon, Senior Media adviser, Office of the Premier.
- (2) The Premier was advised that there were some issues and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet was monitoring them.
- (3) Mr May asked the Minister for Planning's office to keep him informed of any developments. Mr Rowe asked Mr May to keep him informed.
- (4) The opening of the water park was one of four elements of the official opening events for Elizabeth Quay being coordinated by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The Department of Health advised the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, which advised the Minister for Planning's office, that the water park opening could proceed and this advice was passed on to Mr May from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, who subsequently advised the Premier's office.