

HOMESWEST — REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE — PRIVATISATION

**61. Hon KATE DOUST to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the audit undertaken by KPMG into the privatisation of maintenance repairs of Homeswest housing.

- (1) What were the key findings in the report in relation to the performance of the three head contractors, the payment of noncompliant job orders and the quality of service provided under the failed privatisation model?
- (2) Were any recommendations made in relation to any of the findings listed in (1); and, if yes, what were they?
- (3) Was the minister aware at the time he appointed KPMG that it was also the auditing firm for Transfield, one of the head contractors?
- (4) Does the minister concede that a perceived conflict of interest now undermines this report and that it does not restore public confidence in the privatisation of maintenance repairs to Homeswest housing?
- (5) Will the minister refer allegations of widespread rotting, including the widespread payment of noncompliant job orders, to the Auditor General for full investigation in order to restore public confidence?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I have literally only just received the relevant minister's response to hand. I am prepared to give the answer but I do not have copies of it to distribute. They will no doubt be provided and distributed in a moment. On that basis, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Department of Housing advises —

- (1)–(2) The minister has asked KPMG to undertake further work regarding quality management, job order work payment and timeliness.
- (3)–(5) No.