

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — FINANCIAL REPORTING

3309. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the WA Auditor General Audit Results Report Annual 2009-10 Assurance Audits Report 10 Nov 2010, in section five 'Quality and Timeliness of Financial Reporting' on page 30 where it refers to too many Agencies providing documents of unsatisfactory quality, causing audit costs to rise, often significantly, which can delay the issuing of the opinion and the tabling of the annual report, and I ask —

- (1) What are the Agencies under the Minister's portfolio that the audit is referring to?
- (2) Have any Annual Reports of these Agencies been delayed because of the unsatisfactory quality of their documents for audit?
- (3) What action has been taken to ensure these agencies are able to improve their financial statements for audit?
- (4) Can the Minister give an assurance that these Agencies will implement better quality control processes to improve the material they submit in time for the next audit?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) The Department of Transport, Main Roads Western Australia and the Public Transport Authority were not identified on page 30 of the report.
- (2)-(5) Not applicable

It would be advisable for the Member to read further into the report where from page 31 the Auditor General rates agencies' performance.