

HOMESWEST — REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE — PRIVATISATION

60. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

Given that in a media statement dated 6 June 2010 the then Minister for Housing stated that the contracting out of repairs and maintenance of public housing would deliver cost savings of more than \$20 million over three years —

- (1) Was a business case ever prepared by the Department of Treasury and Finance to assess the likely savings as a result of this decision; and, if yes, will the minister table it, who prepared it and how much did it cost?
- (2) On what basis was the claim to save more than \$20 million over three years made?
- (3) Will these savings be met; and, if not, why not, and what will be the estimated savings?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I have received an answer to convey to the Leader of the Opposition. The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) No.
- (2) Anticipated savings were based on zone percentages tendered by contractors compared with the previous contracts.
- (3) Although estimated savings have not yet been achieved due to implementation issues, the government believes that over time savings will be made.