

CHURCHILL PARK GUEST HOUSE, BUSSELTON — VALUATION

887. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:
- (1) Did the independent valuation and inspection report, carried out by Houspect Building Inspections, on the Churchill Park Guesthouse in Busselton before it was purchased for use as a women's refuge identify hazardous material at the site:
    - (a) if yes to (1), will the Minister provide detailed information and table the report?
  - (2) Who carried out the subsequent post-purchase inspection that led to the Government abandoning the site as a women's refuge, and will the Minister table that subsequent report?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1) An independent valuation was carried out by Herron Todd White in October 2011 which was a separate process to the inspection carried out by Houspect Building Inspections in March 2012. The likely presence of asbestos containing materials was noted in both reports, however, the property was assessed to be in fair condition for its age and structurally sound. The primary value of the site was in the land and the building was intended for use as an interim facility until a purpose-built refuge could be constructed. The new service was funded through the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and the Department of Housing was requested to secure accommodation on its behalf.
  - (a) For the independent valuation and inspection reports [See paper 1405.]
- (2) The Department of Housing. [See paper 1405.]