

CITY OF SWAN — MIDLAND OVAL REDEVELOPMENT

433. Hon TIM CLIFFORD to the minister representing the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) Is the minister aware that the City of Swan has spent \$32.5 million on land acquisition for the Midland Oval redevelopment project and that the City of Swan completed the business plan after the land had been purchased?
- (2) Is it the minister's view that this contravenes part 3, division 3, section 3.59 of the Local Government Act, which sets out the requirement for local governments to complete a business plan prior to entering into major land transactions?
- (3)
 - (a) If yes to (2), will the government commit to seek an assurance from the City of Swan that it will cease works; and will the minister launch an inquiry into potential breaches by the City of Swan of the Local Government Act?
 - (b) If no to (2), can the minister please provide an explanation of why a business plan was not advertised and distributed, as is required under the Local Government Act?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Midland Oval redevelopment project is a matter for the City of Swan. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is reviewing the city's process to ensure that there has been no breach of the Local Government Act 1995.