

CITY OF MELVILLE — INQUIRY

**454. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:**

- (1) Does the minister's quite extraordinarily named Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries have a work group that undertakes formal inquiries such as the authorised inquiry into the City of Melville?
- (2) What is the nominal full staffing level of this unit?
- (3) What is the actual staffing level of this unit?
- (4) How many officers were involved in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries inquiry into the City of Melville and have any of those officers now gone on long-term leave?
- (5) If, as the minister says in his answer to question C470, the report has not been completed, why has it not been completed and when will it be completed?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) Yes. The regulatory services division conducts all formal inquiries and investigations on behalf of the department in relation to local government, liquor and gambling.
- (2) The nominal level is 28.
- (3) The actual level is 28.
- (4) Two were involved and, yes, one officer is now on long-term leave.
- (5) The City of Melville authorised inquiry report is not yet finalised. The department is endeavouring to complete the report as soon as possible; however, statutory investigations need to afford natural justice provisions and reasonable time frames for the provision of information, analysis and review.