

MAIN ROADS — CIVIL WORKS — RECYCLED MATERIAL

451. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the suspension of the contract with Main Roads involving the use of recycled material in state government civil works.

- (1) Has agreement been reached on an interim testing regime whereby one in every 70 cubic metres would be tested for asbestos?
- (2) Further, has agreement been reached that such an interim testing regime would stay in place until a comprehensive risk-based analysis has been undertaken and a long-term test regime put in place?
- (3) Are these interim measures now in place; and, if not, why not?
- (4) Has asbestos been detected in any work or available stockpiles to date?
- (5) Is the contract still suspended; and, if so, why?
- (6) Does the minister intend to reinstate the contract?
- (7) If so, what steps are necessary before it is reinstated and how long will these steps take to complete?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) No
- (3) No, as the new testing regime is not yet in place.
- (4) No.
- (5) Yes—awaiting a new testing regime.
- (6)–(7) The use of recycled concrete material can be considered further once a new test regime is in place.