

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — TUART BROOK STRUCTURE PLAN

1150. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) What was the cost to the Department of Housing and/or the Housing Authority to prepare the Tuart Brook structure plan?
- (2) Why did the department or authority commit funding towards the preparation of a structure plan when it knew the cost of building on low-lying land would mean the project would be unviable?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Housing, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The total cost to the Department of Housing to prepare the Tuart Brook structure plan and associated commonwealth environmental referrals was approximately \$450 000.
- (2) The preparation of the local structure plan was necessary to determine the land's capacity for development. Only once this was established was it possible to undertake the land development costing and feasibility with an appropriate degree of accuracy.