

ORD STAGE 2 - MARSDEN JACOB REPORT

18. Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for State Development:

I refer to the state government's plans to recall expressions of interest in the development of Ord stage 2.

- (1) Is *The West Australian* correct in reporting today that the decision to call for new expressions of interest followed a realisation that the project would need government support for infrastructure, which was not offered in the initial call for proposals; and, if so, when did this realisation occur?
- (2) Did the state government commission a report by consulting firm Marsden Jacob into any aspect of the development of Ord stage 2; and, if so -
 - (a) what was the date of that report;
 - (b) was any reference made to this infrastructure need in the report; and
 - (c) was the report made public or made available to the parties involved in the initial expressions of interest; and, if not, why not?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The decision to call for new expressions of interest followed government consideration of proponent submissions to the existing expression of interest process. These submissions included government contributions to infrastructure.
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) October 2004.
 - (b) Yes; some scenarios postulated the public provision of infrastructure.
 - (c) No. The report was commissioned to support government consideration and proponents made their own investigations.