

WITHERS URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY

150. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the inconsistency between the minister's answer to question without notice 77 on the Withers urban renewal strategy and the cover page of the report released on 20 December 2012, which states the report is a draft report.

- (1) Which is correct?
- (2) If the strategy report released on 20 December 2012 was the final strategy, why did the report cover page state it was a draft report?
- (3) If the report was finalised on 20 December 2012, why does the 21 May 2013 City of Bunbury council meeting agenda and minutes contain an item titled "Endorsement of Final Draft Withers Urban Renewal Strategy" stating that the document was finalised in February 2012?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The report released on 20 December 2012 labelled "Withers Urban Renewal Strategy—A Village in the City: Draft—December 2012" is the final report of the consultants, TPG. As such, it is consistent with the answer provided to question without notice 77.
- (2) The December 2012 report completed the contractual obligations of consultants, TPG. The decision was subsequently made to utilise feedback from the public submission process to guide implementation rather than to trigger further consultancy expenditure on revising the report. On this basis, the December 2012 report is the final report of the consultants.
- (3) This question relates to the City of Bunbury council and is best directed to the City of Bunbury.