

WOMEN'S REFUGE — BUSSELTON

**168. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

- (1) Was an independent valuation and inspection report carried out on the Churchill Park Guest House in Busselton before it was purchased for use as a women's refuge; and, if so, who carried out the inspection?
- (2) Did the report identify hazardous material at the site; and, if so, will the minister table the report?
- (3) Who carried out the subsequent post-purchase inspection that led to the government abandoning the site as a women's refuge and will the minister table that subsequent report?
- (4) Has the building been demolished?
- (5) What was the cost of purchasing a new site for the women's refuge?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) Yes; Houspect Building Inspections.
- (2)–(3) Due to the level of detailed information required for these parts of the question, the department is unable to provide the information in the time available and therefore I ask the honourable member to place these parts of the question on notice and I will endeavour to provide a detailed response.
- (4) Yes; demolition of the building is complete and the final site clean-up is underway.
- (5) The cost of it was \$765 000.