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SHIRE OF HARVEY — GUIDED DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

940. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to my letter to the minister of 23 August 2023 alleging corruption in the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Shire of Harvey. This is the last time I will seek leave to table a document; I seek leave to table a document. Sorry—it will be the second last one!

I refer also to the decision of Naylor and others v Shire of Harvey and the finding by Member Willey that there appears to be a legitimate dispute between the residents of Lakewood Shores on the terms of the town planning scheme 12 and the ownership and ongoing management of the community open space. For the last time, I seek leave to table that document.

Several members interjected.

Leave granted. [See paper 2470.]

Hon BEN DAWKINS: It was my second last time! I have been advised against it.

- (1) Other than relying on a two-year-old response from a previous minister to a lawyer, what is the minister's process for investigating fresh allegations of institutionalised corruption in his portfolio, made in Parliament by a member of Parliament?
- (2) What is the minister's process for investigating fresh concerns like those raised by judicial officers such as Member Willey?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Planning.

(1)–(2) The minister rejects the premise of the member's question. As the member is aware, there are processes available to make formal complaints for such allegations. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission, has a clear complaints process available that the member can access, while the member may also pursue a complaint with the Ombudsman of Western Australia.