

FIRM CONSTRUCTION — DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

1288. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Finance:

I refer to the company FIRM Construction entering administration and the comment from the director of the company who was quoted in the media as saying —

We have been closely engaged with the Department of Finance in the past few weeks to ensure our approach is aligned in terms of how best to deliver on our public sector projects ...

- (1) What projects has the government tendered to FIRM Construction and at what price?
- (2) How did the Department of Finance assess the viability of FIRM Construction in the tender processes and what was the result of that assessment?
- (3) Were any industry concerns about the viability and business practices of FIRM Construction expressed to the department?
- (4) Were subcontractors protected under the tenders awarded to FIRM Construction by the department?
- (5) If no to (4), how will the government support subcontractors to FIRM Construction?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

Honourable member, I do not seem to have a copy of that question in the file. If it comes in before we finish, I will read it out.