

**Question on Notice
No. 752
Asked on 24 May 2005**

MRS STUCKEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING AND WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (MS KEECH)—

QUESTION:

As it has been her and her department's practice to issue a media release after an enforceable undertaking is completed (a) why was one not issued on 7 April after Ecom Realty was found to have breached s7 of the Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000, (b) on what date did she advise the Office of Fair Trading to investigate Ecom Realty in regard to misleading advertising of a sales marketing specialist at their Raine and Horne office at Eagleby and (c) was the investigation into Ecom Realty given a priority because the request came from the Minister, given that it appears that a normal request for investigation often takes between 6-12 months?

ANSWER:

- (a) A media release is not issued in relation to all enforceable undertakings. There have been 274 enforceable undertakings entered into up until 30 April 2005 of this financial year. Of those, only 3 have been accompanied by media releases. Details of current enforceable undertakings, including the one involving Ecom Realty, are posted on the Office of Fair Trading's website at <http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au>. I also announced in Parliament on 19 April that the Office of Fair Trading had taken enforcement action against the agency.
- (b) My office referred the matter to my Department on 18 March 2005. The Director-General of my Department requested the Office of Fair Trading to investigate on 18 March 2005.
- (c) No.