

## Question on Notice

No. 1564

Asked on 30 November 2006

**Mr SPRINGBORG** asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

Has she, her staff, or officers of her Department or associated entities met with former Treasurer Mr Terry Mackenroth, to discuss any matters related to his business interests and property developments?

ANSWER:

As the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister responsible for the Office of Urban Management, I meet with property developers, local governments and community members about proposed developments and their impacts on a regular basis.

A search of my diary has shown that since I was appointed as Deputy Premier in 2005, I have formally met with the former Treasurer, Mr Terry Mackenroth, on official business, on two occasions.

The first such meeting occurred on 22 August 2006 and concerned the work of the Cyclone Larry Recovery Taskforce, of which Mr Mackenroth is the Chair.

The second such meeting occurred on 5 October 2006, when I met with Mr Mackenroth and other personnel from Springfield Land Corporation (for whom Mr Mackenroth is a consultant). The meeting concerned Springfield Land Corporation's engagement of the Harvard Medical Institute to advise them on potential health facilities for their development. I subsequently attended a lunch, at which Mr Mackenroth was present, with representatives of Springfield Land Corporation and Harvard Medical Institute to further discuss their advice.

I have met Mr Mackenroth on other occasions since being appointed Deputy Premier, to discuss matters, such as matters concerning administration of the Australian Labor Party.

Given my portfolio responsibilities, my departmental officers meet regularly with a range of property developers, local governments and community members about proposed land developments and their impacts. It would be unduly onerous to establish whether any one of those hundreds of departmental officers has met with Mr Mackenroth regarding his business interests.