Question on Notice

No. 1428

Asked on Wednesday 7 October 2009

MR DICKSON asked the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (MS BOYLE)–

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the status of the current judicial review involving the Department of Local Government in relation to the Brisbane Road car park, Mooloolaba?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Buderim for his question.

On 10 April 2007 Juniper Property Holdings began legal proceedings against the then Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport, the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP.

The application under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* is seeking a review of the decision not to grant the Maroochy Shire Council an exemption from tendering under section 492 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to the Mooloolaba Road Car Park Project.

The Applicant is also seeking an order under this application to set aside the former Minister's decision and to refer the matter back to me for further consideration.

Crown Law requested further information from the Applicant approximately two years ago. This information was recently received on 27 August 2009.

Crown Law is now acting on my behalf in this matter as Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Under my direction, the Department has contacted Council in an attempt to look at any options which may resolve these issues without the need to continue with costly and lengthy legal proceedings.