

- (1) Has the minister been in contact with any companies to discuss the effects this downturn is having on the state's economy?
- (2) If yes to (1), which companies, and what assistance has been offered by the state?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

**Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) Since becoming the Minister for Mines and Petroleum I have met and been in contact with many companies from the resources sector that have raised with me a range of issues, including the world economic downturn and the tardiness of the previous state government's approvals processes. In the time available it is not possible to compile a definitive list of these companies. However, if the member wishes to place this question on notice, I will endeavour to provide that information. I have not offered any direct or monetary assistance to any company.

THE CLIFFE — REMOVAL FROM REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

**96. Hon GIZ WATSON to the minister representing the Minister for Heritage:**

I refer to The Cliffe.

- (1) Prior to introducing the motion to have The Cliffe removed from the Register of Heritage Places, did the minister receive any advice regarding the heritage significance of the property from the Heritage Council of WA or any heritage architect?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister table the advice?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Did the Premier consider the application of section 73 of the Heritage of Western Australia Act and the threat of any potential lawsuit by the current owners prior to supporting the motion?
- (5) If yes to (4), what consideration was given?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?
- (7) Does the minister consider buildings on the heritage list to be adequately protected in WA?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am not trying to avoid a response, but the written response I have is not clear, so I will get clarification and get back to the honourable member, hopefully by the end of question time.

BALGA WORKS INQUIRY — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING'S RESPONSE

**97. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Training:**

I refer to the Department of Education and Training's response to the twelfth report of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations on the "Balga Works Program", which the minister tabled on Tuesday.

- (1) Is the minister satisfied that the department has adequately responded to all the recommendations of the standing committee?
- (2) If no to (1), what action will the minister take to ensure the response is adequate?
- (3) If yes to (1), why has the minister now rejected many of the recommendations that he supported as a member of that committee?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) I have looked at the Department of Education and Training response to the Balga Works report, and I am not satisfied with elements of that response. I will be talking with the Minister for Education about the department's response to the Balga Works report.

**Hon Ken Travers:** Were you not consulted before the report was tabled?

**Hon PETER COLLIER:** No.

**Hon Ken Travers:** As the Minister for Training, one of the ministers for the department —

**Hon PETER COLLIER:** I am answering the member's question. I was not consulted. I saw the report when it was tabled. I will discuss a few areas of the report with the Minister for Education.