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(GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1)

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QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

1. Mr Jobling asked the President, the Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann, MLC—

- (1) Are you aware of who supplied the components for Members' Gateway laptop computers?
- (2) Were the component suppliers known at the time that tenders were sought?
- (3) Was a company called PowerPlan one of the suppliers of components for the Gateway Computers?

Answer:

- (1) Gateway laptop computers were chosen under a selective tender process using the State Government Contract (ITS894). The only component Parliament insisted on was Intel Microchip and Xircom Realport Network card. Parliament's selection criteria was based on functionality of the equipment and full warranty on its equipment and components supplied.
- (2) No. Parliament did not know the component suppliers of any of the laptops at the time of the tenders. All companies used in the selective tender process apart from ASI were international companies who either assemble the laptop overseas or acquire parts from overseas.
- (3) Parliament is not aware of this company and its association with Gateway.

2. Mr Kelly asked the President, the Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann, MLC—

Are there fire safety problems with staff not being able to use the Wicker Gate as an after hours exit?

Answer:

There are problems with the existing fire exit arrangements in the front of Parliament. The Building Codes of Australia state that during a fire emergency occupants once they have reached the outside of a building are not unduly at risk in making their way to the safety of a public road. I am investigating methods available for altering the gate operation so as to allow staff to utilise the gate after hours or in an emergency.