



KOONIBBA, FLOOD MITIGATION 23 June 2005

Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders): My question is to the Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, or maybe the Minister for Transport might be able to help or perhaps the Deputy Premier who happens to be the authority on floods. Will the minister advise when the flood mitigation work involving earthworks and construction of roads in Koonibba will be completed? Is the minister aware that the site of the flood mitigation project, a levy bank a couple of kilometres long, is on a hill located about 170 metres above sea level in a low rainfall area; and is she confident that this project will be completed in time for the expected one in 500-year flood? In February 2004, the Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education announced, as part of job training initiatives, that \$15 000 was for the training of 12 people involved in a flood mitigation project in Koonibba. The overall cost of the flood mitigation and roadwork is believed by locals to be in the order of half a million dollars. **The Hon. S.W. KEY** (Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education): I am quite happy to take the question, but I will have to investigate the claims being made by the member for Flinders. As the member for Flinders knows, we have been looking at a number of employment programs through our Regions at Work program, and I would be more than happy to come back with the information for the honourable member.