

PERTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

913. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment
- (1) When did the Perth Air Quality Management Plan (PAQMP) commence?
 - (2) When was the five year review undertaken?
 - (3) When did the Government receive the consultant's report on this review?
 - (4) Has the Government finalised its response to the recommendations in this report?
 - (5) If no to (4), why not?
 - (6) Has this report and the Government's response been released to the public?
 - (7) If no to (6), why not?
 - (8) How many times did the Air Quality Coordinating Committee (AQCC) meet in 2008?
 - (9) Who is the current chairperson of the AQCC?
 - (10) Who are the other members of the AQCC?
 - (11) Has the progress report on the implementation of the PAQMP for 2007-08 been completed and released?
 - (12) If no to (11), why not?
 - (13) Is the Government committed to the ongoing implementation of the PAQMP?
 - (14) If no to (13), why not?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

- (1) The PAQMP was released in December 2000. In June 2002, the implementation strategy for the PAQMP, which comprises 12 Initiatives, 43 Programs and 126 Actions, was released. The Air Quality Coordinating Committee (AQCC) comprising seven State Government, seven non-government and one Parliamentary representative, was established to oversee its implementation.
- (2) The five year review was undertaken in 2007 by an independent consultant. The review was overseen by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and managed by a four-member steering committee comprising members of the AQCC and an external Chair.
- (3) The previous Government received the consultant's report in November 2007.
- (4)-(7) In January 2008, the review report was sent to the then Minister's office. In May 2008, the Minister requested that DEC draft a Government response to the report, however this was not completed prior to the 2008 State election. Further revisions to the Government Response report have since been made and the report is currently being finalised.
- (8) The AQCC met once in 2008, and on 19 February 2009.
- (9) The interim Chair of the AQCC is Dr John Todd, an independent air quality expert with significant experience in air quality management.
- (10) The current membership comprises representatives from the Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Health, Department of Planning, Department of Treasury and Finance (Building Management and Works), Fire and Emergency Services Authority, Sustainable Energy Development Office, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA, Conservation Council of WA, Kwinana Industries Council, Pollution Action Network, Royal Automobile Club of WA, and WA Local Government Association.
- (11)-(12) The progress reports to June 2007 and June 2008 are still being finalised. The PAQMP is a Government plan with other departments as lead agencies for some of the initiatives in the PAQMP. Input from these departments is being sought to facilitate the finalization of the reports. An AQCC meeting is scheduled for 15 October 2009 where updates on activities will be presented by the AQCC members. This information will be used to finalise the progress reports.
- (13) Yes.
- (14) Not applicable.