PERTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN — MANAGER POSITION

1402. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment

(1) Is the position of Manager of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan currently vacant?

(2) Does the Government intend to advertise and refill this position?

(3) If yes to (2), when?

(4) If no to (2), why not?

(5) Who is the Executive Officer for the Perth Air Quality Coordinating Committee?

(6) Is the delay in completing the progress reports for 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 on the Perth Air Quality Management Plan, a sign that this activity is underfunded by the Department of Environment and Conservation?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

(1) Yes.

(2)-(4) The Air Quality Management Branch of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is being reorganised to align its resources to functional responsibilities to make more efficient use of its resources for program delivery, including the Perth Air Quality Management Plan. The responsibilities of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan Section Manager and the Air Quality Co-ordinating Committee Executive Officer positions have been reallocated to other officers within the organisational structure.

(5) The Executive Officer function is performed by the person occupying a Senior Environmental Officer position in the Air Quality Management Branch.

(6) No.