

ALCOA'S WAGERUP REFINERY — EXPANSION

5722. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

With reference to Alcoa's expansion at Wagerup, I ask

- (1) Of the conditions the Government has set Alcoa for its expansion at Wagerup
  - (a) which conditions have been addressed;
  - (b) which conditions have not yet been addressed;
  - (c) of those that have been addressed what has been the outcome for each condition; and
  - (d) of those that have not yet been addressed, when is it expected that each condition will be met?
- (2) Has approval for works to commence been given?
- (3) If yes to (2),
  - (a) to what stage has the expansion progressed; and
  - (b) what is the expected time-line for completion of the expansion?
- (4) If no to (3), when is approval expected to be given?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

- (1) (a) Of the conditions and procedures for the Alcoa Wagerup alumina refinery expansion proposal set out in the Minister for the Environment's Statement 000728, dated 14 September 2006, the following have been addressed:
    - Condition 5-1: audit compliance discussions are ongoing with the Department of Environment and Conservation ("DEC");
    - Procedure 2: an inter-agency working group to address rail noise impacts has been formed and its work is underway.

The State and Alcoa also entered into a Deed of Undertaking, dated 28 March 2007, in relation to the expansion proposal. The following undertakings have either been met or are underway:

    - Air quality report for winter 2006 - submitted to the DEC;
    - Community health survey - commenced;
    - Supplementary Property Purchase Program - well advanced.
  - (b) I refer you to Statement 000728 for those conditions which are yet to be addressed.
  - (c) See answer (1)(a) above.
  - (d) The outstanding conditions relate to commencement of the refinery expansion, which has not yet occurred.
- (2) No.
  - (3) See answer to (2), above.
  - (4) Alcoa has not advised the Government of a decision to proceed with the expansion.