

**DIVISION 66: ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION —**

**[Supplementary Information No B26.]**

*Question: Mrs J. Hughes asked the minister to provide details of the intention of the halt the haze wood heater rebate program.*

*Answer:* The Wood Heater Rebate Program for 2008 offers a cash incentive of \$150 to any resident of Perth or Mandurah who hands in their wood heater for recycling. There is no requirement to purchase any particular type of replacement heating system. Rebates are available from 21 May to the end of August or until a maximum of 2,000 rebates have been allocated.

Heaters can be taken to one of 10 designated regional disposal sites across Perth and Mandurah. One rebate will be available per person. Once a person has handed over their heater to one of the disposal sites, they will be given a receipt that they must post to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) along with a completed application form. All participants in the Wood Heater Rebate Program will go into a draw to win one of 3 Rinnai Energysaver Gas heaters, donated by Rinnai. The program is also supported by Alinta. More detailed information including program conditions and a list of designated disposal sites can be found on the DEC website.

**[Supplementary Information B27.]**

*Question: Dr G.G. Jacobs asked the minister to provide details of the department's expenditure on air quality studies in the vicinity of Alcoa's Wagerup refinery.*

*Answer:* The Department of Environment and Conservation has allocated approximately \$2 million from its 2007-08 and 2008-09 budgets to undertake detailed independent investigations of emissions dispersion and meteorology in the vicinity of Alcoa's Wagerup refinery. This investment is targeted at resolving complex and ongoing community concerns about the impacts of emissions on the local community and follows from earlier investigations undertaken by the department's Air Quality Branch on air chemistry in 2005.

The research involves the purchase and lease of state of the art technologies for measuring meteorology and air quality including the hire of a Lidar and scientific expertise from Arizona State University (\$300,000); scientific instrumentation, technical and modelling support from CSIRO (\$250,000); and acoustic sounders and canisters for sampling air quality (\$300,000). The department has assigned three senior scientists to work on the initiative over the past 12 months. Key tasks include the planning and implementation of the field work over a four month period in winter 2006; undertaking odour surveys and investigations of air quality complaints from local community members; and development of tools and systems for analysing large amounts of technical data collected during the experiment.

The instrumentation and skill set have application in other aspects of the department's air quality management programs including Kwinana, Midland, Collie and Kalgoorlie.

**[Supplementary Information No B28.]**

*Question: Mr M.P. Murray asked the minister who has responsibility for the upkeep of the Cosy Corner Road in the Augusta-Hamelin Bay area.*

*Answer:* Responsibility for the upkeep of Cosy Corner Road lies with the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River for the section of road between Caves Road and the boundary of Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and with the Department of Environment and Conservation for the remainder of the road.

**[Supplementary Information No B29.]**

*Question: Mr D.T. Redman asked the minister to provide the amounts collected from honesty boxes and manned sites for entry into parks as a component of the \$10.2 million in recreational income.*

*Answer:* The \$10.2 million is for all recreation income of which fees collected at entry to parks is one component. Those parks that collect fees at a manned entry station also use self-registration (honesty) boxes during quieter periods when the park is open but there are few visitors. The following figures are for fees collected to May 2008, during the 2007-08 financial year.

Entry fees collected at locations with an entry station that is manned at peak periods:

Cape Le Grand National Park	\$112,861
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Cape Range National Park	\$177,889
John Forrest National Park	\$44,981
Kalbarri National Park	\$69,393
Karijini National Park	\$84,965
Monkey Mia	\$338,632
Nambung National Park	\$420,186
Purnululu National Park	\$48,462
Serpentine National Park	\$56,318
Warren Region (Gloucester Tree)	\$137,157
Yanchep National Park	\$291,106
	\$1,781,950

Entry fees collected at locations that rely only on self-registration (honesty) boxes:

Avon Valley National Park	\$3,927
Brockman National Park	\$392
Cape Arid National Park	\$5,344
Fitzgerald River National Park	\$18,690
Francois Peron National Park	\$38,204
Millstream-Chichester National Park	\$14,636
Mirima National Park	\$14,644
Stirling Range National Park	\$34,846
Walyunga National Park	\$27,627
Windjana Gorge National Park	\$42,055
	\$200,365