

MOTOR VEHICLES, NOISY AND SMOKY VEHICLES

771. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer the Minister to the media statement by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on 3 October 2002, regarding noisy and smoky vehicles and ask: -

- (a) does this statement reflect the position, taken by the Government, to the 'Report into Perth's Air Quality';
- (b) as Minister for the Environment, are you being kept informed of the numbers of vehicles being issued with warnings, notices and/or improvement notices;
- (c) what other recommendations of the 'Report into Perth's Air Quality' will be implemented;
- (d) will you, as Minister for the Environment, have direct input to which recommendations are implemented;
- (e) when will the recommendations be implemented; and
- (f) will the recommendations, that are going to be implemented, be the responsibility of the Minister of the Environment or some other Minister?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

- (a) Yes. The introduction of the ten second rule through legislation is consistent with Recommendations 29, 30 and 31 of the Select Committee on Perth's Air Quality and the 1998 Government's Response, and is being implemented under the Perth Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP).
- (b) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has information relating to the numbers of smoky vehicles reported by the public. The information on the numbers is publicly available, and is normally provided in the annual report of the Department. Letters are sent to the owners of reported vehicles requesting a response. The DEP does not issue work orders. Work orders are currently issued by the WA Police Service under the recently introduced ten second regulations.
- (c) The Select Committee on Perth's Air Quality recommended that the DEP Smoky Vehicle Reporting Program be enhanced with an enforcement provision. Under the Perth AQMP, the Smoky Vehicle Reporting Program will be assessed for effectiveness and how it can be integrated with the ten second regulations. This program is being overseen by the Air Quality Coordinating Committee (AQCC), which report progress on implementation annually.
- (d) Yes, as Minister for the Environment and Heritage, I have responsibility for establishing priorities for implementation of the recommendations in the Perth AQMP. In doing this, I will seek advice from the AQCC, the consultative committee overseeing implementation of the AQMP programs, where appropriate.
- (e) The review of the Smoky Vehicle Reporting Program is due for completion by the end 2003.
- (f) The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and I will be responsible for the ten second rule legislation and review of the ongoing integration with the Smoky Vehicle Reporting Program, respectively.