

ILUKA RESOURCES — CONTAMINATED SITES

5978. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
I refer to Iluka Resources, and I ask —

- (1) Has Iluka's North Capel operation been registered as a contaminated site?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what are the contaminants;
 - (b) what level are the contaminants at;
 - (c) when where they detected;
 - (d) which surrounding properties are affected; and
 - (e) will surrounding properties be compensated?
- (3) Will Iluka Resources be prosecuted for the contamination?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) What remediation is Iluka Resources required to undertake?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Three sites at Iluka's North Capel mineral processing plant were reported to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) on 31 May 2007 as 'known or suspected contaminated sites' under section 11 of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003.

All three sites are awaiting classification under the Act. Until the sites have been classified, DEC cannot determine if the sites are considered "contaminated".
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3)-(4) Enforcement action will be taken by the Department of Environment and Conservation if an offence is alleged to have occurred.
- (5) Until the sites have been classified, DEC cannot determine whether investigation or remediation is required.