

TIWEST CHEMICAL PLANT — REPORTED CHEMICAL RELEASES

128. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer the minister to the highly toxic gas releases that have recently been reported at the Tiwest chemical plant in Kwinana.

- (1) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation investigated the reported chemical releases?
- (2) If yes to (1), what action has been taken?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question, dated 31 March.

- (1)–(3) Although the Tiwest Joint Venture Kwinana pigment plant is licensed under the Environmental Protection Act 1986, I am advised by the Department of the Environment and Conservation that the alleged incident related to an occupational safety and health issue resulting from construction activities. I have been advised that this matter was investigated by the Department of Mines and Petroleum and the equipment responsible for the release of gas has been repaired.