

INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAM - WAITING LIST, EXPENDITURE AND NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS
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3397. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

- (1) Can the Minister please provide a list of sites and respective shires in regional areas that are currently waiting for infill sewerage?
- (2) Of the sites and shires listed in (1), can the Minister please specify those that have identified 'public health' and 'environmental issues' as implications of current sewerage systems in that area?
- (3) Can the Minister please provide a list of sites and respective municipalities in the Perth metropolitan area that are waiting for infill sewerage?
- (4) Of the sites listed in (3), can the Minister please specify those that have identified 'public health' and 'environmental issues' as implications of current sewerage systems in that area?
- (5) Is there a priority list for areas requesting infill sewerage?
- (6) If yes to (5), please provide the list of areas, and expected time frame for delivery of the infill sewerage system to the specific areas.
- (7) If yes to (5), please outline what assessments are made to put an area on the priority list?
- (8) If yes to (5), could the Minister please detail individually the reasons why each of the areas on the priority list has been given priority?
- (9) Could the Minister please provide a year-by-year breakdown of monies spent till now, from the \$800 million budget allocated in 1994 for infill sewerage?
- (10) Can the Minister please provide a year-by-year breakdown (from 1994-2006) of the number of households in Perth that have been connected to deep sewerage?
- (11) Can the Minister please provide a year-by-year breakdown (from 1994-2006) of the number of households in country areas that have been connected to deep sewerage?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1) It is not known how many sites and Shires are waiting for infill sewerage. What is known is the number of sites currently waiting for infill sewerage that are in the approved Infill Sewerage Program. For those in regional areas, see tabled paper. [See paper 1540.]
- (2) All of the projects in the Infill Sewerage Program have some level of public health or environmental concern. The Infill Sewerage Program was established to reduce a dependence on septic tank systems that exist throughout Western Australia. Areas were included into the Infill Sewerage Program and prioritised on the basis of public health and environmental issues associated within that locality.
- (3) The number of sites and respective Shires that are in the approved Infill Sewerage Program in the Perth metropolitan area are listed in the table referred above.
- (4) Refer to (2).
- (5) There is a priority listing for areas that are included in the approved Infill Sewerage Program.
- (6) The projects in the Infill Sewerage Program are listed in the table referred above. The timeframes are not included as some may change as a result of the health review to be concluded soon.
- (7) All projects in the Infill Sewerage Program were assessed on the basis of health risk, environmental risk and development or urban renewal opportunities.
- (8) The prioritisation for each project was established on the basis of a score attributed to health, environment and development renewal opportunity. In Perth this was undertaken by the Department of Health, and the Department of Environment. In the regional areas the local authorities and Water Corporation staff provided the scoring. The documentation containing the reasons why each area achieved its score is voluminous and not in a form that can be published now. The Department of Health is assisting the Water Corporation in reviewing the health assessments for areas in Perth and regional areas, and this will not be available until the end of May 2006.
- (9) 1994/1995 - Expended \$60.73 m
1995/1996 - Expended \$75.76m

1996/1997 - Expended \$78.36m
1997/1998 - Expended \$80.06m
1998/1999 - Expended \$96.334m
1999/2000 - Expended \$87.227m
2000/2001 - Expended \$86.908m
2001/2002 - Expended \$51.387m
2002/2003 - Expended \$34.805m
2003/2004 - Expended \$26.449m
2004/2005 - Expended \$33.363m
2005/2006 - Budgeted \$34.4m

- (10) 1994/1995 - 5 726
1995/1996 - 7 262
1996/1997 - 7 132
1997/1998 - 7 009
1998/1999 - 6 959
1999/2000 - 7 584
2000/2001 - 6 553
2001/2002 - 3 777
2002/2003 - 2 973
2003/2004 - 2 186
2004/2005 - 2 143
2005/2006 - not yet determined.

- (11) 1994/1995 - 960
1995/1996 - 1 442
1996/1997 - 2 769
1997/1998 - 3 255
1998/1999 - 1 695
1999/2000 - 2 597
2000/2001 - 2 401
2001/2002 - 2 585
2002/2003 - 1 148
2003/2004 - 1 476
2004/2005 - 991
2005/2006 - not yet determined