

REPORT ON PERTH'S AIR QUALITY, IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

I refer the Minister to the 'Report on Perth's Air Quality', and the recommendations of the Committee, of which the Minister was a member, and ask -

- (a) when will the Minister begin to implement all the recommendations of the Report on Perth's Air Quality;
- (b) has the Minister implemented any other reviews or reports that have superseded the findings of the 'Report on Perth's Air Quality'; and
- (c) if the recommendations are not going to be implemented, is this an indication of the lack of commitment the Minister has to long-term environmental problems?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

- (a) Implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) is in progress. The Perth AQMP accommodates the intent of the 1998 Government's Response to the Select Committee. It is a 30 year plan that outlines action aimed at improving Perth's air quality. The Plan's Implementation Strategy details the 12 initiatives (43 programs, 86 sub-programs) that have been adopted. To date, 20 sub-programs have commenced, 29 sub-programs are ongoing, and 36 are yet to commence with one requiring no further action.
- (b) The following reports relating to Perth's air quality have been released after the Select Committee's Report:
 - Implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan – Progress Report on Programs Implemented to June 2002.
 - Implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan –Detailed Supporting Document (2002).
 - Implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan –Summary Document (2002).
 - Perth Air Emissions Inventory (2002).
 - Air Quality in Perth 1992-1999 (2001).
 - Perth Air Quality Management Plan (2000).
 - State of Knowledge – Perth Air Quality Management Plan (2000).
 - Volatile Organic Compounds Monitoring in Perth – Baseline Air Toxins Project (2000).
- (c) Approved action will continue to be implemented on an ongoing basis as detailed in the Plan's Implementation Strategy.