

ATLAS WASTE, MURDOCH UNIVERSITY STUDY

176. Mr KOBELKE to the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to the Progress Report Assessment of the Potential Environmental Performance of Baled Secondary Waste Residue undertaken by Murdoch University and covering the baled waste from the Atlas plant in Mirrabooka -

- (a) who were the individuals or organisation who formed the steering group for this scientific study;
- (b) did the steering group help write the abstract which was placed at the introduction to the February 2000 Progress Report on this study; and
- (c) what was the extent of the input of the steering group to the writing of the abstract for this report?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a) The Project Steering Group consisted of Murdoch University, City of Stirling, South Metropolitan Regional Council and the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (b) Murdoch University sought advice on drafts of the final report before its release.
- (c) Members of the Steering Group provided editorial comment consistent with their knowledge of the waste industry and Atlas issues. Comment was also made on presentation, grammar and consistency in the report. The Steering Group did not dictate the science of the report or conclusions made by Murdoch from the results of the biobox tests.