

COCKBURN SOUND, LOAD BASED LICENSING SYSTEM

36. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) With respect to the Kwinana Industrial Area, can the Minister confirm the Load Based Licensing System is intended to cover the costs of management, including monitoring and associated services, in relation to pollution?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Load Based Licensing System be increased to cover the costs of the Cockburn Sound Management Authority?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Load Based Licensing System be required to provide the funding for any waste abatement strategies for Cockburn Sound?
- (5) If not, why not?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (1) The fees associated with the Works Approval and Licensing system under the provision of Part V of the Environmental Protection 1986, have been set with the intention of full cost recovery for the costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), associated with all aspects of the administration and operation of that system.
- (2) No.
- (3) The costs of administration and operating the licensing system are unlikely to change with the introduction of the Cockburn Sound Management Council. Policy development for licensing will be addressed through the Environmental Protection Policy that empowers the Council to produce the Environmental Management Plan and that will guide the licensing by DEP of effluent discharges to Cockburn Sound.
- (4)-(5) Facilitating waste abatement, cleaner production and other similar strategies are seen as part of DEP's regulatory and broader advisory role and are currently undertaken as part of DEP's activities not only for Cockburn Sound but with respect to all activities in WA which have a potential impact on the environment.