

PORT HEDLAND INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAM

**323. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water.**

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Helen Bullock, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

I refer to the \$100 million allocated in this year's budget to complete the infill sewerage program over the next four years and concerns raised by the member for Pilbara in the other place last night.

- (1) What is the schedule for completion of the infill sewerage program for Port Hedland?
- (2) How much has been allocated specifically to Port Hedland in the —
  - (a) 2009–10 financial year;
  - (b) 2010–11 financial year?
- (3) What funds and plans are now in place as part of the 2010–11 budget to relocate the Port Hedland sewerage ponds away from land areas needing to be developed for much-needed residential accommodation?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The Minister for Water is seeking advice and will determine the priority of the outstanding infill projects. The minister will prioritise areas that have the most significant health and environmental issues and will make an announcement shortly.