

BOARDS, REVIEWS, COMMITTEES, INQUIRIES AND TASK FORCES, ESTABLISHMENT

1906. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Since the election of the State Labor Government, how many boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces have been established within the Minister's portfolio?
- (2) Will the Minister list all the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (3) What is the name and qualification of each person who chairs each board, review, committee, inquiry and taskforce that has been established within the Minister's portfolio since the election of the State Labor Government?
- (4) Will the Minister list the commencement date and the completion date for all boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (5) Will the Minister list the total cost of sitting fees and the total cost for each of the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (6) What payments, fees and sitting fees are paid to the chairperson of each board, review, committee, inquiry and taskforce that has been established within the Minister's portfolio?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- (1) One
- (2) Review Panel for the Review of the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Prosecution Policy Guidelines and Administrative Procedures Relating to Prosecutions.
- (3) Chairperson – Mr Peter Johnston, Senior Lecturer and Fellow, Faculty of Law, the University of Western Australia
- (4) The Review Panel will meet with me on 16 December 2003 for its first meeting. I have requested that the Review Panel complete the review by 31 March 2004.
- (5) The two non-public service members of the Review Panel will not be paid sitting fees per se; rather they will be paid consultancy fees to cover the services of the members. The total cost of the Review is not expected to exceed \$25,000.
- (6) The Consultancy Fee for Mr Peter Johnston has been agreed at \$10,000 (excluding GST) for completion of the Services in the Perth Metropolitan Area. The total Consultancy fees must not exceed \$10,000 (excluding GST and expenses) without prior written agreement by the Principal. Additional expenses incurred in travel outside of the Metropolitan area in relation to the services must be actual and reasonable expenses.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

The Department routinely creates taskforces or committees to facilitate delivery of the outputs for which it has responsibility and may create ad hoc or ongoing consultative bodies to provide for stakeholder and public input into Departmental processes. The Department also has membership of a range of across Government bodies responsible for providing coordinated policy advice and policy implementation actions

- (1) 17
- (2) Walpole Wilderness Area Stakeholders Reference Group
- (3) Chairperson - Mr Jim Sharp, Director Parks and Visitor Services, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (4) The first meeting was held on 30 November 2001. The last meeting was held on 12 April 2002.
- (5) Sitting fees were not paid. The 16 non-departmental members were offered payment of vehicle mileage to travel to and from meetings at Public Service vehicle hire rates. Lunch was provided.
- (6) The chairperson was not paid any fees or payments additional to his departmental salary.
- (2) Walpole Wilderness Area Community Advisory Group
- (3) Chairperson - Mr Jim Sharp, Director Parks and Visitor Services, Department of Conservation and Land Management.

- (4) The first meeting was held on 31 January 2003. The committee will be in place until the management plan for the national parks in the Walpole Wilderness Area is completed, which is anticipated to be early 2004.
- (5) Sitting fees are not paid. The 14 non-departmental members are offered payment for vehicle mileage to travel to and from meetings at Public Service vehicle hire rates. Lunch is provided.
- (6) The chairperson is not paid sitting fees additional to his departmental salary.
- (2) Wandoo Response Group - now know as the Wandoo Recovery Group
- (3) Chairperson - Mr Alan Sands, Regional Manager Swan Region, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (4) The formation of the Wandoo Recovery Group was announced by the Minister for the Environment on 20 February 2003. The first meeting was held at York on 5 August 2003. No date has been set for completion of this group.
- (5) Total running cost of the Wandoo Recovery Group is \$10,648.99 which includes the sitting fees for non-departmental members of \$1136.00.

In addition to the above costs, the University of Western Australia has been awarded \$125,000 through the Australian Research Council's Linkage Grants Program to study the health of wandoo woodlands.

CALM is also providing a further \$45,000 to the three-year program as well as in-kind contributions totalling more than \$190,000. Other studies by the University of Western Australia also are investigating the role of disease factors in the decline of wandoo.
- (6) The chairperson is not paid sitting fees additional to his departmental salary.
- (2) Tuart Response Group to (i) coordinate investigations into the decline in tuart health, (ii) devise a 'tuart conservation and management strategy and action plan' and (iii) prepare educational material for the protection of tuart on freehold land.
- (3) Mr Alan Walker, Director Regional Services, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (4) Commencement date: 16 November 2001. Completion date: end of 2004.
- (5) Total running cost of the Tuart Response Group is \$206,800 which includes the sitting fees of \$4,700.
- (6) The chairperson is not paid sitting fees additional to his departmental salary.
- (2) Advisory Committee for the Proposed Geographe Bay/Leeuwin-Naturaliste/Hardy Inlet Marine Conservation Reserve
- (3) The committee is a community based committee such that members do not represent particular organisations. Members were selected for their community connections and local knowledge. Formal qualifications per se are therefore not relevant to the function of members. The chairperson is Mr Bob McKay.
- (4) Commencement date: 1 August 2003. Completion date: duration of period to develop recommendations to Government on the proposal for a marine conservation reserve in the area.
- (5) No sitting fees are paid. Cost to date: \$13,000 for the hire of meeting venues, charter boat for site inspection and accommodation; and \$15,000 for the production of public information documentation for the proposed marine reserve.
- (6) No sitting fees are paid to the chairperson.
- (2) Internal Review of Fire Management Practices
- (3) The review was commissioned by the Executive Director CALM, and the report was compiled by Chris Muller, Regional Manager, Pilbara Region with the assistance of staff in the Department. Mr Muller has 30 years of experience in fire management and research in forests, woodland, and arid vegetation types.
- (4) The review was undertaken during the period July 2001 to September 2001, and finalised through to December 2001. The report was published in January 2002.
- (5) No consultancy fees were paid. It is estimated the overall costs of departmental salaries, accommodation, travel, meals and miscellaneous matters totalled about \$32,000.
- (6) No chairperson appointed.

- (2) National Competition Policy Legislation Review of the Wildlife Conservation Act and its Subsidiary Legislation
- (3) The review was carried out under contract by The Allen Consulting Group Pty Ltd for the Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (4) The review commenced in March 2002 and the report of the review was completed in June 2002.
- (5) Sitting fees were not applicable to the review. The cost was approximately \$23,000.
- (6) See (5)
- (2) Chief Executive Officers' Coordination Committee on Implementation of the Protecting our old-growth forests policy
- (3) Mr Keiran McNamara, Executive Director, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (4) 15 March 2001 – ongoing.
- (5)-(6) Nil.
- (2) Processes under the Protecting our old-growth forests policy and preparation of the Forest Management Plan:
 - (i) Review of stream and river logging buffers to ensure their adequacy in protecting our waterways from salinity, degradation and turbidity.
 - (ii) Assessment of the scientific, economic and community values and the impact of logging on salinity of areas subject to a moratorium on logging.
 - (iii) Review of high conservation value areas in the south-west forest to determine whether further areas should be reserved.
 - (iv) Report on the environmental impacts of silvicultural treatments applied to jarrah forests (Ministerial Condition 11) Part 1.
 - (v) Update of silvicultural guidelines and review submissions on the draft guidelines – collate, update and consolidate the silvicultural guidelines currently used by the Department of Conservation and Land Management for the management of native forests available for timber production in the south-west.
 - (vi) Review of structural goals for jarrah and karri forest and advise on their applicability to the new forest management plan.
 - (vii) Expert Working Group to design a trial of the “Protocol for the identification and prioritisation for management of *Phytophthora cinnamomi* ‘protectable areas’.
- (3)
 - (i) This review was undertaken by the Water and Rivers Commission.
 - (ii) This review was a consultancy undertaken by URS Forestry.
 - (iii) This review was a consultancy undertaken by Ecoscape (Australia) Pty Ltd.
 - (iv) Dr Neil Burrows, Director of Science, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
 - (v) This review is a consultancy undertaken by Mr Jack Bradshaw Dip.For., B.Sc.For., Forest Consultant.
 - (vi) This review was a consultancy undertaken by Mr Jack Bradshaw Dip.For., B.Sc.For., Forest Consultant.
 - (vii) Mr Peter Baldwin, Acting Director, Conservation Commission of Western Australia.
- (4)
 - (i) March 2001 to August 2001.
 - (ii) May 2001 to August 2001.
 - (iii) December 2001 to March 2002.
 - (iv) July 2001 to October 2001
 - (v) July 2001 – ongoing.
 - (vi) February 2002 to March 2002.
 - (vii) November 2001 to July 2002
- (5)
 - (i) No costs were recorded by the Department.

- (ii) Total cost \$59,250 to the consultants.
- (iii) Total cost \$52,618, including \$3,600 to the consultant, Dr Per Christensen.
- (iv) Total cost \$10,488, including \$8,400 to the consultants.
- (v) Total cost \$42,278, including \$41,865 to the consultant.
- (vi) Total cost \$4,500 to the consultant.
- (vii) Total cost \$7,151, including \$6,736 to the consultants.
- (6) (i) Not applicable.
- (ii) Not applicable.
- (iii) Not applicable.
- (iv) Nil.
- (v) Not applicable.
- (vi) Not applicable.
- (vii) Nil
- (2) Review of the Western Shield Program
- (3) The Chairman of the review panel was Professor Hugh Possingham. Professor Possingham currently holds the Chairs in both Mathematics and Zoology at the University of Queensland. He also has extensive experience in high level committee procedures and government committees (e.g. Chair of the Commonwealth Biological Diversity Advisory Committee).
- (4) The review process formally commenced on February 24, 2003 when the review panel assembled in Perth. The panel members' visit to Perth ended on 1 March and the members worked on their report over the following months. The final version of their report was submitted to the Executive Director of CALM on 16 September, 2003. Departmental consideration of the report is still current.
- (5) The total cost of the review panel's contracts (airfares, accommodation, plane charter and fees) amounted to approximately \$50,750. Additional costs of administration and organization of the review were met by the Department, and are not separately accounted.
- (6) Payments to the University of Queensland for the services of the Chairman were \$8,800 (incl. GST).
- (2) Review of the Conservation and Land Management Act Statutory Authorities
- (3) The requirement for a review of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, Marine Parks and Reserves Scientific Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission of Western Australia arose from statutory and Government policy commitments including the Machinery of Government Review. The review was undertaken by consultant, Mr Alex Errington. Mr Errington was the former Deputy State Ombudsman.
- (4) The review was announced on 12 December 2003. The due date for completion of the review report was 31 March 2003. The Government's response was announced on 28 August 2003.
- (5) Consultancy fees of \$26,620 (inclusive of the Goods and Services Tax) plus out of pocket expenses of \$522.85.
- (6) See (5).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- (1) Seven
- (2) Round Table: Ministerial key stakeholder group to provide opportunity for key stakeholder groups to be kept informed of the progress of the Forest Management Plan as well as provide input into the development.
- (3) Chairperson – Dr Ken Michael
- (4) The first meeting was held on 1 August 2001 the last meeting was held on 5 August 2002 following the release of the draft forest management plan.
- (5) \$2,130
- (6) \$2,130

- (2) Forest Management Plan Steering Committee: to ensure the Forest Management Plan is undertaken in a transparent and consultative manner, addressing all relevant issues that relate to sustainable management of forests.
- (3) Chairperson – Dr John Bailey (from December 2001) – Chairman, Conservation Commission; Mr Rodney Safstrom, member Conservation Commission prior to then.
- (4) The first meeting was held on 4 April 2001 the last meeting was held on 27 March 2003.
- (5) \$14,982
- (6) Nil
- (2) Map & Data Review: A review of the concerns of stakeholders with regard to the adequacy of map and data information inputs to the calculation of sustained yield in the forest management plan.
Expert Panel to Advise the Conservation Commission of Western Australia in Relation to Jarrah Silvicultural Guidelines.
- (3) Professor Ian Ferguson, University of Melbourne was engaged as a consultant.
- (4) 23-25 October 2002
- (5) Total cost \$9,672
- (6) Not applicable
- (2) Review of Management Options for Poorly Represented Vegetation Complexes
- (3) Consultancy undertaken by Matiske Consulting.
- (4) November 2002 to April 2003
- (5) Total cost \$3,960.
- (6) Not applicable
- (2) Calculating Sustained Yield for the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013) STAGE 3 Report for the Conservation Commission of Western Australia by the Independent Panel.
- (3) A panel of six independent experts were engaged for this review on a contract basis.
- (4) May-June 2003
- (5) Total cost \$71,225.
- (6) Not applicable
- (2) Towards Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management in Western Australia - A Review of Draft Jarrah Silviculture Guideline.
- (3) A panel of two independent experts and three government experts were engaged for this review on a contract basis.
- (4) July-August 2002
- (5) Total cost \$4,614.
- (6) Not applicable
- (2) Review of the Department of Conservation and Land Management Forest Audits
- (3) URS Consulting Australia was engaged to undertake this review on a contract basis.
- (4) May-June 2003
- (5) Total cost \$7,250.
- (6) Not applicable

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER AND RIVERS COMMISSION

The answers relate to the Department of Environmental Protection, Water and Rivers Commission, Swan River Trust and the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

- (1) Total number is 31.
- (2) List all the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established since the election:

The Whicher Water Resources Management Committee (WRMC) was created to provide advice to the Water and Rivers Commission on the allocation and management of water resources.

The Gingin Dandaragan WRMC was created to provide advice to the Water and Rivers Commission on the allocation and management of water resources.

The Wilson Inlet Management Advisory Group (WIMAG) was created to provide advice to the Water and Rivers Commission on the management of Wilson Inlet.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) & Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) Community Working Group created to oversee implementation of the findings from the environmental audit and review of the CCL environmental licence.

The local implementation committee for the Economic Development and Recreation Management Plan for the Peel Waterways.

Engineering Evaluation Initiative Steering Committee (EEISC).

The Bellevue Community Consultative Committee was set up by myself to ensure that the Bellevue residents and environmental groups are involved in decisions relating to the investigation and remediation of the Waste Control site.

The Greenhouse Taskforce.

Carbon Rights Taskforce.

Independent Committee on Watsons Foods Odour Issue.

The Waste Management Board was established by the Government on 2 January 2002 to advise the Minister for the Environment on waste matters generally. The need for such a body was identified in the Waste 2020 report of August 2000. The Board replaced two previous bodies, the Advisory Council on Waste Management and the State Recycling Advisory Committee.

Waste Management and Recycling Fund Review. A review of the Waste Management and Recycling Fund is a statutory requirement under the enabling legislation. The review is being overseen by the Waste Management Board, which has considered two consultants reports into the grants program, the rebate scheme and the appropriate level of the landfill levy. The Board has released a report and recommendations for public discussion.

A Review of Options for the Evolution of the Swan River Trust

Organisational Structure Review, S Cowie, September 2003.

Stream and River Logging Buffers in Western Australia.

Review of the Enforcement and Prosecution Guidelines of the Department of Environmental Protection by Dr Brian Robinson was established to ensure that the Department's Environmental and Prosecution Guidelines continue to meet the needs of the community, industry and the agency in protecting the environment.

Urban Stormwater Management – Policy and Technical Guidelines Review. Commenced June 2002. A review of the 1998 Manual for Managing Urban Stormwater Quality in Western Australia in order for the guidelines to be current and relevant in the promotion of Water Sensitive Urban Design principles and providing best management practice.

Drainage Reform – Review of Institutional Arrangements. Commenced December 2002. To oversee and progress drainage reform in Western Australia. The drainage reform package will develop a white paper on institutional and other reforms necessary to achieve better management of drainage and related water management (eg of the Superficial Aquifer on the Swan Coastal Plain and flood mitigation).

The Core Consultative Committee on Waste (3C), was established by the Waste Management Board in October 2002 to provide advice and promote open discussion about waste management issues. There are 10 members on the committee who are drawn from community organisations, industry, local government and unions. Due to stakeholder concerns regarding the management of hazardous waste in the State, the role of the 3C has expanded and the committee now has two distinct tasks:

- To facilitate a stakeholder involvement program to establish new and better hazardous waste treatment facilities in WA, within a broader framework of minimising hazardous waste generation and regulating hazardous waste more effectively; and
- To advise the Waste Management Board on general waste management issues.

Section 46 Review of Environmental Conditions - Gngara and Jandakot Mound Groundwater Resources, April 2001, June 2005. The review was initiated by the Water and Rivers Commission to resolve the problem of consistent breaches of Ministerial conditions on the groundwater mounds. In September 2001, the Environmental Protection Authority endorsed the proposed two-stage approach to a review of Ministerial conditions under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. The first stage involves an initial investigation into the critical areas where breaches of environmental conditions have occurred and implementation of short term management actions. The second stage involves a detailed review of environmental conditions and sustainable management of water use on the mounds.

WA Environmental Licence Conditions - An Independent Strategic Review was completed by Welker Environmental Consultancy in February 2003 to provide guidance on condition setting in pollution prevention licensing and address community and industry concerns with the existing licensing system. Four stakeholder working groups have been established to implement priority recommendations relating to (i) the review of licence conditions, (ii) environmental improvement plans, (iii) community involvement including public reporting and (iv) integration of environmental impact assessment (Part IV) and works approval and licences (Part V) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

Senior Officers Taskforce on Health, Environment and Industry Sustainability was established to ensure coordination across relevant Government agencies in dealing with significant chemical and industrial emissions with the potential to affect the environment and health of the community or workers. The Taskforce supports Ministerial Council investigations and activities into environmental and health issues.

The Environmental Regulation Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) was set up by the DEP to discuss and debate the policies and strategies that shape environmental regulation in this State. The membership includes people working in industry, the conservation movement, community groups, local government, and environmental law. The SRG was involved in the Independent Strategic Review of licence conditions undertaken by Welker Environmental Consultancy.

Review of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 – consideration of the review has been deferred until the Environmental Protection Act 2003 has been proclaimed in full.

Audit of Controls, Compliance and Accountability Audit Regulations of Surface and Groundwater use by the Auditor General. The Water and Rivers Commission has established an internal taskforce (the Water Resources Management Review taskforce) to respond to recommendations of the Control, Compliance and Accountability Examination of Management of Water Resources in Western Australia by the Auditor General.

The Independent Audit of the DEWCP Emergency Response Arrangements.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) – Independent Audit.

Senior Review Panel of the State Water Quality Management Strategy was established to be the primary mechanism for coordinating strategic policy development and implementing the State Water Quality Management Strategy within Government Agencies.

Community and Industry Advisory Committee of the State Water Quality Management Strategy was set up to ensure the involvement of the community and industry in guideline preparation and water quality management programs, objectives and strategies related to implementing the National Water Quality Management Strategy in Western Australia..

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community and Industry Reference Group.

Brookdale Community Reference Group.

(3) Name and qualifications of each Chairperson

Whicher WRMC – Chairperson, Mr Barry Oats is a Beef and Dairy farmer in the local area.

Gingin Dandaragan WRMC - Mr George Gifford has been elected as chair for future meetings. Mr Gifford is a Shire councillor for the local authority.

Wilson Inlet Management Advisory Group - Mr George Ebbett chairs WIMAG and is a professional fisherman from Denmark. Mr Ebbett is also deputy president of the Denmark Shire Council.

Cockburn Cement Limited – Chairperson Mr George Kailis is professor of Commercial Law Edith Cowan University.

Local implementation committee for the Economic Development and Recreation Management Plan for the Peel Waterways – Chairperson Mr David Templeman MLA.

Engineering Evaluation Initiative Steering Committee – Chairperson Mr John Ruprecht has a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) with honours, Masters of Business Administration, Masters of Engineering Science, Certificate of Hydrology.

Bellevue Community Consultative Committee – Chairperson Dr Tony Hendy has a Phd in Chemistry.

Independent Committee on Watsons Foods Odour Issue - meeting was chaired by

Mr Fran Logan MLA, Member for Cockburn. The DEP's involvement was to help with the minutes.

Waste Management Board – Chairperson, Mr Noel Davis has a Bachelor of Engineering.

A Review of Options for the Evolution of the Swan River Trust - GJ Syme, BE Nancarrow, CSIRO Land and Water was awarded this contract through a competitive tender process.

Organisational Structure Review, S Cowie, September 2003 - Mr Stuart Cowie is a staff member on secondment to the Department of Environment and has many years experience in organisational development and in conducting functional reviews.

Greenhouse Taskforce - Chaired by Mr Francis Logan MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment.

Carbon Rights Taskforce - Chaired by Fran Logan MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment.

Review of the Enforcement and Prosecution Guidelines of the Department of Environmental Protection by Dr Brian Robinson - Reviewed by Dr Brian Robinson of the Communication Edge. Dr Robinson is a retired Chairman of the Victorian EPA.

Urban Stormwater Management - Policy and Technical Guidelines Review – Chairperson Dr Mamie Leybourne, DipBusAdmin, DipDevStud, PhD, Manager Catchment Management Branch, Water and Rivers Commission.

Drainage Reform – Review of Institutional Arrangements – Chairperson

Ms Blair Nancarrow, Director, Australian Research Centre for Water in Society, CSIRO Land and Water.

Core Consultative Committee (3C) – Co-chaired by Ms Mary Askey Environmental Policy Advisor, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) and Mr Lee Bell, Contaminated Sites Alliance.

Review of the Waste Management and Recycling Fund (WMRF) - The review process is being overseen by the Waste Management Board.

Section 46 Review of Environmental Conditions - Gnangara and Jandakot Mound Groundwater Resources – Chairperson Ms Catherine Harrison, BSc, A/Manager Water Allocation Branch.

WA Environmental Licence Conditions - Independent Strategic Review undertaken by Welker Environmental Consultancy - Chairperson, Mr Philip Hine, Manager of Environmental Regulation Branch, Department of Environmental Protection.

Senior Officers Taskforce on Health, Environment and Industry Sustainability - Chairperson, Mr Robert Atkins B.Sc (Hons), A/Director of Environmental Management Division, Department of Environmental Protection.

The Environmental Regulation Stakeholder Reference Group - Chairperson, Mr Robert Atkins B.Sc (Hons), A/Director of Environmental Management Division, Department of Environmental Protection.

Review of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 - Consideration of the review has been deferred until the Environmental Protection Act 2003 has been proclaimed in full.

Audit of Controls, Compliance and Accountability Audit Regulations of Surface and Groundwater use by the Auditor General - The Water Resources Management Review taskforce is lead by one of the Department's Directors, Mr Kim Taylor.

The Independent Audit of the DEWCP Emergency Response Arrangements -

Professor Goen Ho, Director, Environmental Technology Centre, Murdoch University.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) – Independent Audit - Independent Environmental Audit and Review of Cockburn Cement Ltd operations at Munster's Audit team consisted of Mr Geoff Penno (Team

Leader), qualification CEng – Chemical Engineering. Mr Ian Pound (Auditor) of Environmental Risk Solutions, qualification BSc – Environmental Science.

Senior Review Panel of the State Water Quality Management Strategy –

Mr Tony Laws, BSc(Hons), M.Sc Hydrogeology & Manager Water Source Protection Branch.

Community and Industry Advisory Committee of the State Water Quality Management Strategy - - Mr Tony Laws, BSc(Hons), M.Sc Hydrogeology & Manager Water Source Protection Branch.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community and Industry Reference Group – Mrs Deborah Botica. Mrs Botica is a Councillor with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and a nurse.

Brookdale Community Reference Group - Chaired by Mr Paul Andrews MLA during 21 January 2002 to 16 September 2002. Chaired by Dr Neil Drew during 5 February and adjourned on 26 March 2003 is employed as the Director of Institute of Regional Development, School of Earth and Geographical Sciences at the University of Western Australian. Since August 2003, the group has been chaired by Mr Gerry Gauntlet who is the Chairperson for the Armadale Redevelopment Authority.

(4) Commencement and completion dates

The Whicher WRMC held its first meeting on 5 September 2002 and will continue to meet as necessary.

The Gingin Dandaragan WRMC held its first meeting 4 June 2003 and will continue to meet as necessary.

The Wilson Inlet Management Advisory Group first met on 27 February 2002 and will continue to meet as necessary.

The first meeting of Cockburn Cement Limited was conducted on 9 September 2002 and will continue to meet as necessary.

The local implementation committee for the Economic Development and Recreation Management Plan for the Peel Waterways held its first meeting 29 May 2003 and will continue to meet as necessary.

The Engineering Evaluation Initiative is a four-year program. The Engineering Evaluation Initiative Steering Committee commenced in June 2002 and is expected to be completed at the end of the initiative.

Bellevue Community Consultative Committee – Commenced on March 2002 and completion date is unknown.

Greenhouse Taskforce – Commenced on March 2002 and scheduled to be completed once the Strategy is finalised in March/April 2004.

Carbon Rights Taskforce – Commenced on March 2001 and completed on 30 June 2003.

Independent Committee on Watsons Foods Odour Issue – commenced 8 August 2001 and ceased 23 October 2003.

Waste Management Board - Commenced on 2 January 2002 and all current appointments are to 30 June 2004.

A Review of Options for the Evolution of the Swan River Trust - - Commenced in February 2003 and completed in April 2003.

Organisational Structure Review, S Cowie, September 2003 – Commenced in August 2003 and completed in September 2003.

Waste Management and Recycling Fund Review – Consultancy projects commenced 4 February 2002. A discussion paper on proposed changes to the Fund was released on 11 September 2003. The public discussion period will close on 15 December 2003. The Government will then consider the final review with a view to implementing any changes by 1 July 2004.

Stream and River Logging Buffers in Western Australia – Commenced on February 2001 and completed on August 2001.

Review of the Enforcement and Prosecution Guidelines of the Department of Environmental Protection by Dr Brian Robinson - Commenced October 2002 with a report received in February 2003.

Urban Stormwater Management - Policy and Technical Guidelines Review – Commenced in June 2002 and the completion date is scheduled for the end of 2004.

Drainage Reform – Review of Institutional Arrangements – Commenced December 2002 and completion date is unknown.

Core Consultative Committee (3C) - Established in October 2002. Members have been appointed until November 2005.

Section 46 Review of Environmental Conditions - Gnangara and Jandakot Mound Groundwater Resources – The Steering Committee held its first meeting in October 2002 and will continue to meet as necessary. Completion date end of 2005.

WA Environmental Licence Conditions - Independent Strategic Review undertaken by Welker Environmental Consultancy - First met on 11 and 13 June 2003. Two working groups will complete their tasks by December 2003. The other two working groups are expected to complete their tasks by June 2004.

Senior Officers Taskforce on Health, Environment and Industry Sustainability – Commenced in March 2002. No completion date (ongoing).

The Environmental Regulation Stakeholder Reference Group - The first meeting of Cockburn Cement Limited was conducted on 19 September 2002 and will continue to meet as necessary.

Review of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 - Consideration of the review has been deferred until the Environmental Protection Act 2003 has been proclaimed in full.

Audit of Controls, Compliance and Accountability Audit Regulations of Surface and Groundwater use by the Auditor General - The Water Resources Management Review taskforce commenced in September 2003 and is scheduled to complete its work in June 2004.

The Independent Audit of the Department of Environment and Water Catchment Protection (DEWCP) Emergency Response Arrangements - Commenced in May 2002 and completed in March 2003.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) – Independent Audit - Commenced on 23 April 2002 with an initial meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection Review group, with the Audit Report being provided to the Department on 31 July 2002.

The Senior Review Panel of the State Water Quality Management Strategy first met in 1999 and have an ongoing role.

Community and Industry Advisory Committee of the State Water Quality Management Strategy first met in February 2001 and completion date is unknown.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community and Industry Reference Group – Commencement date 26 August 2003. Nominations closed on 31 March 2003. Workshops were held into the formation of the group in June and July 2003. Chairperson was announced on 14 August 2003. First meeting of the group was held on 26 August 2003. No completion date is envisaged for this group, but fresh community nominations will be called for in 2005.

Brookdale Community Reference Group – First meeting chaired by Paul Andrews MLA during 21 January 2002 and last meeting in 16 September 2002. Second group chaired by Mr Neil Drew during 5 February 2003 and was adjourned on 26 March 2003. Third group chaired by Mr Gerry Gauntlet which commenced in August 2003 and currently ongoing.

- (5) Total cost of sitting fees and the total cost for each of the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established

Whicher WRMC - Sitting fees to date total \$14,318.

Gingin Dandaragan WRMC - Sitting fees to date total \$5,396.

Wilson Inlet Management Advisory Group (WIMAG) - Sitting fees are yet to be paid to WIMAG pending a decision from Department of Premier and Cabinet on the level of fees applicable.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) - No sitting fees have been paid to a member or affiliate member of CCL, however, operational costs of the committee to date total \$1,478.

The local implementation committee for the Economic Development and Recreation Management Plan for the Peel Waterways - No sitting fees have been paid.

The Engineering Evaluation Initiative Steering Committee - Pays three members sitting fees and travel allowances. The total cost to date is \$22,884 or approximately \$1,800 per meeting.

Bellevue Community Consultative Committee – Involvement on the committee is voluntary.

Greenhouse Taskforce - No sitting fees have been paid to Taskforce members.

Carbon Rights Taskforce - The Taskforce's estimated costs were \$2000 - which were shared between the Departments of Environmental Protection and Conservation and Land Management.

Independent Committee on Watsons Foods Odour Issue - No sitting fees were paid.

Waste Management Board - Sitting fees paid in 2002/03 totalled \$35,072. Sitting fees paid in 2003/04 to date total \$11,454.

A Review of Options for the Evolution of the Swan River Trust - The Review cost \$32,980.

Organisational Structure Review – No sitting fees are paid.

Waste Management and Recycling Fund Review – The cost of two consultants reports were \$37,312 and \$43,813 respectively. An extensive public consultation process that will extend throughout the State is now underway. An amount of \$48,000 has been allocated to this activity.

Stream and River Logging Buffers in Western Australia – A review of stream and river logging buffers to ensure their adequacy in protecting our waterways from salinity, degradation and turbidity was completed by the Water and Rivers Commission in August 2001 and presented to the Conservation Commission. The review arose out of the Government policy commitment Protecting Our Old-Growth Forests and formed part of the development of the draft Forest Management Plan. Following assessment of the review, the Department of Conservation and Land Management indicated it would carry out field research to improve scientific definition of stream buffers. No resources have been committed to this project since financial year 2001/02.

Review of the Enforcement and Prosecution Guidelines of the Department of Environmental Protection by Dr Brian Robinson - Payment of \$24,566.15 was made for the review report and a further \$14,353.14 for attendance at stakeholder reference group meetings and implementation advice up until April 2003. Dr Robinson continues to provide after consultancy services on related matters.

Urban Stormwater Management - Policy and Technical Guidelines Review – No sitting fees are paid to members. The role of members is to endorse sections of the new Stormwater Management Manual as these are developed. The final estimated cost of preparing the new manual is \$250,000.

Drainage Reform – Review of Institutional Arrangements – No sitting fees are paid to members. The cost of preparing the draft White Paper is \$55,000, including \$8,000 of in-kind contribution from CSIRO.

Core Consultative Committee on Waste (3C) – Sitting fees to date is \$12,300.

Section 46 Review of Environmental Conditions - Gngangara and Jandakot Mound Groundwater Resources – No sitting fees are paid. Members are public servants who perform this role as part of their normal duties.

WA Environmental Licence Conditions - Independent Strategic Review undertaken by Welker Environmental Consultancy - No sitting fees are paid. To date, the operational costs total \$364.

Senior Officers Taskforce on Health, Environment and Industry Sustainability – No sitting fees are paid as all members are Government officers.

The Environmental Regulation Stakeholder Reference Group - No sitting fees are paid. To date, the operational costs total \$269.

Review of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 - Consideration of the review has been deferred until the Environmental Protection Act 2003 has been proclaimed in full.

Audit of Controls, Compliance and Accountability Audit Regulations of Surface and Groundwater use by the Auditor General - There are no payments, fees or sitting fees for the Water Resources Management Review taskforce as this is an internal department team.

The Independent Audit of the DEWCP Emergency Response Arrangements - Invoice not received by the Department. Payments were arranged by the Ministerial Office (Ross Belton) through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) – Independent Audit - Independent Environmental Audit and Review of Cockburn Cement Ltd operations at Munster cost approximately \$40,000.

Senior Review Panel of the State Water Quality Management Strategy – No sitting fees are paid.

Community and Industry Advisory Committee of the State Water Quality Management Strategy - No sitting fees are paid as involvement on the committee is voluntary.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community and Industry Reference Group – No sitting fees are paid. Total cost of the Group as at 9 December 2003 is \$11,900 for facilitator, catering, flights, staff, postage and so forth.

Brookdale Community Reference Group – No sitting fees were paid to the group chaired by Mr Paul Andrews MLA. This group was voluntary. A total of \$47,215.15 has been paid to the group chaired by Mr Neil Drew. No sitting fees were paid to the group chaired by Mr Gerry Gauntlet.

(6) Payments, fees and sitting fees paid to each chairperson

Whicher and Gingin Dandaragan WRMCs - The chairperson of both WRMCs are eligible for sitting fees of \$323 per full days sitting or \$213 per half days sitting.

Wilson Inlet Management Advisory Group (WIMAG) - The payment of sitting fees to the chairman of WIMAG is pending a decision from the Department of Premier and Cabinet on the level of fees applicable.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) - There are no sitting fees paid to the Chairman of CCL.

The local implementation committee for the Economic Development and Recreation Management Plan for the Peel Waterways - No fees are paid to the Chairperson.

Engineering Evaluation Initiative Steering Committee - No fees are paid to the Chairperson.

Bellevue Community Consultative Committee – Approximately \$40,000 has been spent on the committee's independent chair, since the appointment of Dr Tony Hendy in March 2003. No fees were paid to Mr Ross Belton who was Chairing the Committee prior to this date.

Greenhouse Taskforce - No fees are paid to the Chairperson.

Carbon Rights Taskforce - No fees are paid to the Chairperson.

Independent Committee on Watsons Foods Odour Issue – No fees are paid to the Chairperson.

Waste Management Board - In accordance with a recommendation from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Chairperson currently receives a remuneration package of \$29,000 per annum.

A Review of Options for the Evolution of the Swan River Trust – The Review cost \$32,980.

Organisational Structure Review, S Cowie, September 2003 – There was no cost as this was covered by staff salary.

Waste Management and Recycling Fund Review – There are no separate sitting fees involved in this review as it is being undertaken by the Waste Management Board.

Stream and River Logging Buffers in Western Australia - No sitting fees are paid.

Review of the Enforcement and Prosecution Guidelines of the Department of Environmental Protection by Dr Brian Robinson - As Dr Robinson was not employed as a Chairperson, he was not paid any fees or sitting fees in this capacity.

Urban Stormwater Management - Policy and Technical Guidelines Review – No sitting fees are paid.

Drainage Reform – Review of Institutional Arrangements - No sitting fees are paid.

Core Consultative Committee on Waste (3C) – The Co-Chairs are eligible for sitting fees of \$330 per full days sitting or \$220 per half days sitting.

Section 46 Review of Environmental Conditions - Gngara and Jandakot Mound Groundwater Resources – No sitting fees are paid to the Chairperson.

WA Environmental Licence Conditions - Independent Strategic Review undertaken by Welker Environmental Consultancy - No sitting fees are paid to the Chairperson.

Senior Officers Taskforce on Health, Environment and Industry Sustainability - No sitting fees are paid.

The Environmental Regulation Stakeholder Reference Group - No sitting fees are paid.

Review of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 - Consideration of the review has been deferred until the Environmental Protection Act 2003 has been proclaimed in full.

Audit of Controls, Compliance and Accountability Audit Regulations of Surface and Groundwater use by the Auditor General - There are no payments, fees or sitting fees for the Chairperson of the Water Resources Management Review taskforce as this is an internal department team.

The Independent Audit of the DEWCP Emergency Response Arrangements - No sitting fees are paid.

Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) – Independent Audit - Independent Environmental Audit and Review of Cockburn Cement Ltd operations at Munster cost approximately \$40,000.00 this was a once off audit.

Senior Review Panel of the State Water Quality Management Strategy - No sitting fees are paid.

Community and Industry Advisory Committee of the State Water Quality Management Strategy - No sitting fees are paid.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community and Industry Reference Group – No sitting fees are paid.

Brookdale Community Reference Group - No sitting fees were paid to Mr Paul Andrews MLA or Mr Gerry Gauntlet. Sitting fees for Dr Neil Drew are included in the total fee of \$47,215.15.

OFFICE OF WATER REGULATION

- (1) Two.
- (2)
 1. Review of Customer Service Standards in the Water Industry.
 2. Review of the Water Services Coordination Act (1995).
- (3)
 1. Mr Paul Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Water Regulation.
 2. Dr Thomas Parry, former Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, University of Wollongong, Adjunct Professor and Associate Professor, School of Economics, University of New South Wales.
- (4)
 1. Commenced 2001 – Completed 2002.
 2. Commenced October 2002 – Completed March 2003.
- (5)
 1. Approximately \$6,000.
 2. Approximately \$280,000.
- (6)
 1. None.
 2. \$72,000.

PERTH ZOO

- (1) Perth Zoo has undertaken one internal review of itself as a Statutory Authority. This was consistent with recommendation nine of the Machinery of Government Report.
In accordance with The Zoological Parks Authority Act 2001 proclaimed on Wednesday, 22 May 2002, an eight member Zoological Parks Authority Board was established.
- (2) The Zoological Parks Authority Board.
- (3) The Chairperson of the Zoological Parks Authority Board is Professor John Howell AO, PhD, DVSc, FRCPATH, Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Honorary Research Fellow in the Division of Health Services (Murdoch University), and Head of the Gene Therapy Research Group, Centre for Neuromuscular and Neurological Disorders (QEI Medical Centre)
- (4) Machinery of Government Taskforce - October 2001 to March 2002.
The Zoological Parks Authority Board commenced in May 2002 and is ongoing as determined in the Zoological Parks Authority Act 2001.
- (5) Payment to five Zoological Parks Authority Board Members in 2002/03 was \$1029 (Zoological Parks Authority Board commenced in May 2002). The budgeted cost of sitting fees for 2003/04 for the 8 member Zoological Parks Authority Board is \$34,000.
- (6) Fees paid to the Chairman of the Zoological Parks Authority total \$12,200 per annum.

BOTANIC GARDENS AND PARKS AUTHORITY

- (1) None
- (2)-(6) Not applicable

AqWest BUNBURY

- (1) None
- (2)-(6) Not applicable

BUSSELTON WATER BOARD

- (1) None
- (2)-(6) Not applicable