

RADON GAS, HEALTH IMPACTS

1580. Mr Masters to the Minister for Health

What monitoring or other assessment has been undertaken to determine the health implications, if any, of the presence of radon gas in Perth homes, especially those in the hills suburbs where high radiation granites or laterites may form the foundation materials for houses that have cellars or are well insulated?

Mr KUCERA replied:

Extensive monitoring for radon gas was conducted throughout Western Australia in the 1990s. Radon gas levels were found to be slightly higher in the hills areas when compared to levels found on the coastal plain but these levels were not above accepted international and national recommended limits. Levels of radon gas in Western Australian homes are significantly below levels encountered in many Western European countries and also the United States of America.