

MINES AND PETROLEUM — ALCOA

3396. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Alcoa's operations at the Huntley mine, and I ask:

- (a) what are the latest figures on how much forest has been cleared each year since the commencement of the Huntley area operation (i.e. north of Dwellingup);
- (b) how much of the mined area north of Jarrahdale Road is planted exotics or Eastern States trees rather than species indigenous to the area:
  - (i) does the Government intend to remove exotics and non-indigenous species and replant this area with indigenous species;
- (c) given that much of the rehabilitated jarrah forest requires additional management:
  - (i) who will undertake the additional management steps required to restore the forest; and
  - (ii) how much will the restoration cost;
- (d) what impact has bauxite mining and rehabilitation have on the water table and stream flows in the area of the Huntley mine, particularly around Dwellingup:
  - (i) what is the estimated value in dollars of any water losses that have occurred; and
  - (ii) has the Water Corporation had to address any water catchment issues related to activities in the Huntley mine:
    - (A) if yes to (d)(ii), what has Water Corporation had to do, and what was the cost of any actions;
- (e) what financial and other contributions does Alcoa make to the following:
  - (i) the Western Shield programme;
  - (ii) quokka research;
  - (iii) the impact of bauxite mining on hydrological cycles; and
  - (iv) any other research projects or programmes (please specify);
- (f) how many pollution events have occurred near the Serpentine Dam in the Myara South mining area:
  - (i) what were the pollution events;
  - (ii) what was the impact of the pollution events; and
  - (iii) have any negative impacts been remediated;
- (g) does the State Government provide any subsidies or discounts to Alcoa for water or electricity:
  - (i) if yes to (g), please detail the nature and cost of the subsidies or discounts; and
- (h) given that Alcoa is required to provide support to regional communities according to license conditions:
  - (i) which regional communities or townships has Alcoa provided support to;
  - (ii) what form of support has been provided or offered;
  - (iii) what was the dollar value of the support provided; and
  - (iv) what outcomes have been achieved?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

I note the Hon Member has asked the identical question to three Ministers across four agencies.

It is unclear as to which parts of the question are directed to each individual agency. If the Hon Member would like to specify which sections of the question are for which agency, then I will endeavour to answer those parts of the question.