THE PRESIDENT (Hon John Cowdell) took the Chair at 3.30 pm, and read prayers.

BALI BOMBINGS

Statement by President

THE PRESIDENT (Hon John Cowdell): I ask members to stand in their places for one minute’s silence as a mark of respect for those who have suffered bereavement, injury and loss as a result of the Bali bombings.

[Members stood in their places.]

Condolence Motion

HON KIM CHANCE (Agricultural - Leader of the House) [3.35 pm]: I move -

That this House records its outrage at the bombings which occurred in Bali on Saturday, 12 October 2002 and expresses its deepest sympathy to the victims and their families.

On the night of Saturday, 12 October 2002, the world changed for all of us as a result of a cowardly bomb attack that shattered the tranquillity of a favourite holiday destination for many generations of Australians. Official advice from the Indonesian authorities is that 181 people are confirmed dead, with 309 injured. The number of Australians confirmed dead is understood to stand at 20, with 220 Australians currently unaccounted for. No names have been officially released at this stage.

I want firstly to assure the House that the State Government is doing everything possible to assist victims and their families in the aftermath of this tragedy. Western Australian teaching hospitals have been placed on alert to receive victims, and elective surgery for yesterday and today has been cancelled. The hospitals will remain in this mode for a further 24 hours before the situation is reviewed. If no further patients are expected to arrive, the hospitals will most likely resume normal operations on Thursday. Western Australia has so far received 34 patients, some critically ill, mainly with burns and shrapnel wounds.

From 5.30 pm on Sunday, the Department for Community Development has been operating a 24-hour telephone counselling line for metropolitan and country callers to assist victims and their families and friends. This service will continue to be maintained for as long as it is needed. The department has also arranged for two teams of counsellors and additional family support staff to attend at the airport and receive passengers returning from Bali and other locations. This collaborative effort with the Australian Red Cross and the Salvation Army is assisting travellers and their families to deal with the shocking events of the past few days. Face-to-face counselling services will also be made available to assist victims and their loved ones. The department has also provided counselling and other staff services to the family and friends of the Kingsley Football Club as they await further news and try to come to terms with this catastrophe. The Western Australia Police Service has reassessed security arrangements to protect Western Australians and Western Australian infrastructure that were put in place following the September 11 events of last year. Police will strengthen these measures where it is considered to be necessary. Western Australian police officers have also flown to Bali to assist the Indonesian authorities with the task of victim identification and are prepared to provide any other assistance if a request is received.

The Premier has also asked the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth to activate the Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund to assist Western Australian victims and their families who are facing financial hardship as a result of this shocking attack. This is a way for all Western Australians to donate and demonstrate to those who have suffered from this attack that they are in our thoughts. To commence this appeal, the State will contribute $100 000, and we encourage WA businesses and others to give generously.

As time goes on, the State Government will support the appropriate actions of the Commonwealth in seeking justice and restoring a sense of security to Western Australian travellers. The Government, on behalf of all Western Australians, is providing any assistance it can to ensure that those who have lost their lives are brought home to their families and friends and that the survivors of this unspeakable act do not have to deal with the tragedy alone. At a time like this it is very difficult to express appropriate feelings to those whose loved ones have been lost or injured. However, to those who have suffered I want to convey the Government’s sense of loss, its heartfelt understanding of their sense of shock and its longing for their pain to be assuaged. Any loss of life on this scale is horrendous. However, when it occurs so unexpectedly among innocent young people who are doing nothing more than enjoying a holiday, it creates a trauma that will take a long time for us to come to terms with. We do not know yet how many of our young people have been killed or injured, and it might be some time before we have any certainty. Sadly, it seems likely that the toll will be
high and all of us will be called upon to provide help and compassion to other Western Australians over the days, weeks and months ahead.

I note the Government’s appreciation of the magnificent response of the Western Australian health system, which is taking a leading role, particularly through the Royal Perth Hospital burns unit, to deal with the huge challenge before it. Similarly, hospitals in the Northern Territory and Australia-wide are under pressure to meet the extraordinary needs that this incident has created. I understand that two doctors from Royal Perth’s burns unit were on holiday in Bali at the time of the bombings, and that they have been working over the past 72 hours virtually non-stop in a Bali hospital attempting to save lives.

I also express appreciation for the rapid action of the Australian military in evacuating those who are injured to the safety of Australian hospital care and to their families. Military aircraft returning to Bali have taken medical supplies to ease the suffering of patients still in Bali, including the many Balinese and other Indonesians who were injured in the bombing. It is appropriate also to express appreciation to both Qantas Airways Ltd and Garuda Indonesia, who have responded magnificently to the requirement to airlift survivors back to Australia.

The Government’s response to this outrage includes issues related to health, counselling and security needs. This may not be the time or the place to dwell on the last of those three issues, although it is certainly in the Government’s consciousness. Our priority at this time needs to remain with the provision of care for the survivors.

I commend the motion as a simple and profound expression of our sadness at what happened at Kuta Beach, and of our resolve to provide the physical and emotional healing that is needed.

HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral - Leader of the Opposition) [3.42 pm]: I am pleased to second the motion moved by the Leader of the House and to indicate the Opposition’s wholehearted agreement with the sentiments expressed therein. October 12, 2002 has become Australia’s September 11. It will go down in the history of this nation as the date when terrorism became a reality for all Australians and particularly for all Western Australians. In a sense, the events on September 11, while shocking and horrific, happened a long way away. They did not really affect the vast majority of us at a personal level, even though I suspect that most Australians took the view that if it could happen in the United States, it could happen here. We felt that the world post-September 11 was a new and frightening place.

I was very interested in the comments of the Prime Minister in the House of Representatives yesterday when he commented on this notion of terrorism. He said -

In many respects the word ‘terrorism’ is too antiseptic an expression to describe what happened. It is too technical and too formal. What happened was barbaric, brutal mass murder without justification.

I believe a regrettable trend has arisen among people in some parts of the world to link terrorism to a cause and consider the terrorist act justified because they support the cause - an attempt to almost legitimise the notion of terrorism. Let us make no mistake about this: terrorism in general - this outrageous attack in particular - is nothing short of the plain, outright, brutal murder of innocent people. No cause is so great that innocent lives should be indiscriminately taken, and people who commit murder should be brought to justice. In this context, it is extremely encouraging that the Government of Indonesia is accepting its responsibility. The federal Government must leave no stone unturned in seeking to get to the bottom of this horrific tragedy. I am encouraged by the words of the Leader of the House on the efforts made by the State Government. People appreciate them very much.

I have enormous sympathy for the families and friends of those who lost their lives or were injured in Bali. I have enormous sympathy also for the people of Bali who have not only suffered the loss of friends and relatives but also have seen the economic base of their community - tourism, which was slowly recovering from the events of September 11 - crash down around their ears as a result of terrorist bombs. No good will come from this event, other than, I hope, that it will reaffirm in the minds of all Australians the adage “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance”, and “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” As the Prime Minister said today on the radio, “To those people who believe that you can escape attacks of this kind by saying nothing when evil occurs, by doing nothing when evil occurs, not only is that moral bankruptcy but it’s also wrong.”

On behalf of the Opposition I support the motion moved by the Leader of the House. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have lost their lives or were injured in Bali. Our prayers and hopes are for those who are suffering significant pain whilst awaiting news of loved ones who are still missing. We can only hope and pray
that those responsible for this tragic event will one day recognise that the murder of innocent people will not promote their cause. Indeed, such events will only detract from their cause as the world reacts with justifiable revulsion to their brutality. We will pray that the human race is able to create a world in which peace, not terrorism, is a fact of daily life for the vast majority of the world’s people.

We have learnt through the media of the many acts of courage and heroism that occurred after the bombs exploded. There is no doubt that many people were saved or had their injuries minimised by the actions of others who risked their lives and wellbeing. Similarly, our defence force personnel, doctors, nurses and paramedics who were sent to Bali from Australia deserve our sincere thanks and admiration. Many other private individuals and organisations, including the airlines, should also be commended for their contribution to the wellbeing of those affected by the bombings. I include of course our own health system, which, as the leader said, has been magnificent in the way it has supported people. There is no doubt that tragic events such as this bring out the best in all Australians and this will be no exception. On behalf of the Opposition I express support for today’s condolence motion.

HON JOHN FISCHER (Mining and Pastoral) [3.48 pm]: I add my condolences to those voiced by my colleagues. I have a small understanding of the anguish and anger felt by those who have had loved ones, in many cases their children, snatched from them in this cruel and callous premeditated act of terrorism.

I heard a so-called expert from university say that this outrage was not directed at Australia but at the west generally. I do not believe that. Whoever is responsible for this cowardly and barbaric act obviously planned it to cause maximum mayhem. They knew that the majority of their victims were our citizens. I suspect they researched and planned this attack and would have known to within a small margin how many people they would kill or maim.

I also extend my condolences to the Balinese people. As members know, Bali has a high percentage of Hindu followers. Along with the people who lost their lives or were injured, and whose loved ones were left behind to grieve, in a very real sense everyone will suffer, because it will be a long time before Bali can regain its reputation as a friendly, safe holiday destination.

There is no social security net to help Balinese people. Low income Balinese who live from hand to mouth will suffer immediately as their income disappears. The sad truth is that the Islamic militants who are responsible for this outrage will probably see this as an additional benefit. They will welcome the social tensions that this lack of income will engender. The more Balinese who starve or who start to destabilise the society by resorting to crime, the better they will see the interests of their perverse God being served.

As great as this tragedy is, we cannot allow ourselves to be consumed by self-pity. I am sure that this will not be the end of it. We can be sure that, flushed with their success, they will bring their diabolical hatred home to us here in our own land. It would be a betrayal of those who are already victims if we are not resolute in our determination to see these hate-filled religious zealots beaten and made to bear the full consequences of their actions.

I hope that the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation has already got its men in the mosques. I hope they will not be denied the money for any additional resources that are deemed necessary. I hope that at last we will see some of the Islamic leaders denouncing without equivocation the people responsible. If the chief Mufti in Australia, Sheik al Halali, does not at least condemn in the strongest possible language the perpetrators of this infamy, we should move quickly to rescind his permanent residence status and send him packing.

I hope that the loss of life of those Australians who will not return from their innocent holiday is significant enough to strengthen the resolve and the will of our law-makers to defend this country. This tragedy affects all Australians and should never be forgotten.

HON MURRAY CRIDDLE (Agricultural) [3.53 pm]: The National Party endorses the motion of the Leader of the House on this sad occasion. I am sure that all members of this Chamber are still coming to terms with this horrific event. In spite of the warnings, we all thought that we were beyond the reach of international terrorism. We could never imagine that on a tranquil, tropical island playground, our daughters and our sons would be taken from us so violently. On a balmy Saturday night, our world changed forever. Three days later, the events are still beyond our comprehension.

We are all grieving with the families of the lost and the missing. We are bracing ourselves for the final death toll. We have heard of the terrible losses of the Kingsley Cats football club, the Sturt Football Club and the Coogee Dolphins junior rugby team. We have heard of the South Bunbury Tigers footballers who cheated death. As the week rolls on, we will hear of others, and our hearts will continue to break. Today we heard of teachers of Busselton Senior High School who are still unaccounted for, although I hear that there is news of them today. Tomorrow, more and more names will become known and the grief will go on.

As we think about the victims of this callous and cowardly act, we must also spare a thought for those who have rallied to the task of saving lives and easing suffering. Our hearts go out to the doctors, nurses and workers at Royal Perth Hospital who continue to play a pivotal role in the care of burns victims and others. We must also acknowledge church and community groups who continue to rally around grieving families and the traumatised. Professionals and volunteers will be needed for a long time to come after this human tragedy. The emotional scars left by this senseless
act of terrorism will be deep. Victims need to know that help is gathering around them in many forms, such as insurers pledging to cover the medical costs incurred by the injured.

As we look at the pictures of the Sari Club and the continuing streams of the injured innocent Australians returning home, we know that our ritualistic sojourns to overseas destinations will never be the same. The Sari Club atrocity has reinforced the fact for young Australians that they can never be as carefree as they once were. Our sporting teams and our community groups will now think twice about overseas odysseys that were once taken for granted.

On the night of the terrorists’ strike, an estimated 20,000 Australians were holidaying in all parts of Bali. Today we are told that 80 per cent of them are headed home, their world shattered forever. As they return home, some of them injured and many of them traumatised, we must spare a thought too for the gentle Balinese who have been part of our holidaying life for two generations. Just 13 months ago, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York, our sense of vulnerability was heightened, but we must never bow to the criminals who would harm our loved ones or us. Failure to face the perpetrators of terrorism must surely mean a life of fear. Although our innocence has been shattered, our spirit has not.

On behalf of my National Party colleagues, our families and the people of Western Australia, I offer our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the dead and missing.

HON DEE MARGETTS (Agricultural) [3.55 pm]: On behalf of the Greens (WA), I share in the motion’s support and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of loved ones killed or injured. We know that the suffering for those families and friends will never cease.

I join my parliamentary colleagues in expressing sympathy and support for the Balinese and other Indonesians killed or injured in this dreadful event. I acknowledge the goodwill that has existed for many years, and continues to exist, especially between this State of Western Australia and the Balinese and that we are mourning their dead. We must seek to remedy the causes of such events; war is not the answer.

The God of Islam and the God of Christianity is the same God. Neither of those religions seeks nor justifies this kind of murderous action. I was heartened by a courageous example I saw recently on television in a John Pilger film called *Palestine is Still the Issue*. That program contained an interview with a very courageous Israeli farmer and father of a girl who had been killed by a suicide bomber. I guess we have certain expectations about the emotions, sadness and grief that he must have felt. However, his response to his daughter’s death was to be even more strengthened in his resolve to seek justice and an end to the violence between his country and Palestine. I would like this man to be our inspiration for an end to violence and the re-establishment of justice so that we do not continue to see people fearful with hatred and distrust taking such outrageous murderous actions. The Greens (WA) support the motion.

HON BARRY HOUSE (South West) [3.58 pm]: I join other members in supporting the motion to express our condolences to the family and friends of those killed or injured as a result of this brutal and outrageous act in Bali.

The community in Busselton has been touched directly by this tragedy, in particular the Busselton Senior High School with which I have a close affinity, being a former student and former teacher there.

Two popular and respected teachers have been caught up in this nightmare. Carol Johnstone, a teacher of English and other areas for eight years, is missing believed killed in the blast and the fire that followed. Connie Watson, a business education teacher at the Busselton Senior High School for the past 15 years, is in Royal Darwin Hospital in severe pain, with burns to her back, legs and feet, broken ribs, a ruptured lung and head injuries. I am told that she is not in intensive care, but her injuries are obviously very severe. They were friends from Busselton who were popular teachers and valuable, involved members of the community. They were sports lovers and played tennis and hockey. Connie participated in triathlons and jetty swims. She is a very fit lady and I am sure this will aid her recovery. I understand that Carol, her husband, Geoff Allison, and their two young kids, together with Connie and her husband, Graham, were in Bali on a family holiday. I also understand that on Saturday night the husbands agreed to stay in the hotel with the kids while the girls went out for a while. That is how they ended up in the Sari Club. Now Graham has returned to Perth with the kids while Geoff is still in Bali searching for his wife. Graham will try to get to Darwin to be by his wife’s side.

Busselton Senior High School has seen more than its fair share of tragedy. Among other tragedies over the years, my mind goes back particularly to 10 May 1980 - Mothers Day - when there was a bus accident in Hay in New South Wales in which two students and the driver were killed. I was the organiser of that trip. It had a tragic, traumatic impact on the community and that is being repeated at the moment. My heart goes out to all those involved.

There was also widespread concern in Margaret River yesterday for Martin Ibach, a young doctor who was in Bali on a surfing trip. He had not been heard from, but I am very relieved to say that he has reported that he is okay and in fact is helping out in the Bali medical facilities.

The tragedy has brought home the reality of the situation to all of us. No-one is immune from extremist acts. We cannot put our heads in the sand and pretend that it does not exist. Every effort must be made to stamp it out internationally. Like other members, I also plead that we do not forget the Balinese people. This will have a huge
impact on their lives. Their friends and family members were killed as well. They are beautiful people who do not deserve this. We must do everything we can to address their immediate pain and suffering, as well as acknowledge and address the enormous economic effect this will have on their future lives.

**HON LJILJANNA RAVLICH** (East Metropolitan - Parliamentary Secretary) [4.02 pm]: I support the motion. I put on record my condolences to those who have suffered injury and loss as a direct result of a cowardly act of barbarism. On 11 September last year, I was on a bus in Potsdam, Germany heading a political exchange delegation. Over the radio I heard that the World Trade Centre towers had been hit. I am not ashamed to say that I felt isolated and frightened for the delegation and for myself. I was particularly concerned that the United States would retaliate and that I, together with the delegation, would be on the other side of the world at the commencement of what I thought at the time could evolve into a war-type situation. I was desperate to go home and, more importantly, I was fairly keen to ensure that the members of the delegation also returned home to the security and the safety of our beloved country.

I was born in a country that is not a stranger to war. All too easily we can take for granted the fact that Australia offers its people a security that possibly cannot be found anywhere else in the world and, through that security, a peaceful way of life, which I think we also often take for granted. Australia’s isolation has historically been both a strength and a weakness. However, the events in Bali on Saturday highlight that in the modern world, Australia is no longer isolated and that we can no longer take isolation and security for granted. Even though there is no evidence of a threat within Australia, members would have to agree that the events in Bali were too close for comfort. At no other time in recent history has Australia and its people been so shaken to the core. At least 183 people are dead. Fifteen Australians have been confirmed dead, at least 113 Australians were yesterday in hospital with injuries, and a further 220 Australians remain unaccounted for. I think it is fair to say that those statistics would shake any community to the core, and they have done so to the Australian community. The tales of horror serve to remind us how fragile life is. We saw young people and families in Bali enjoying some of the wonders of life and socialising with friends and family at the Sari Club. In one minute they were torn apart, both emotionally and physically, through a senseless act of terrorism. One cannot help but think that this was a deliberate act targeted at Europeans holidaying in Bali. However, I caution the community against jumping to conclusions about who to hold responsible, even though the Indonesian defence minister, Matori Abdul Djalil, has implicated al-Qaeda in the blast.

Australia can take great pride in its citizens, particularly its youth. Their sense of mateship has been demonstrated through this traumatic event. Their bravery, generosity of spirit and selflessness have been demonstrated through the many stories of people who risked their own lives and put their own wellbeing in jeopardy in an effort to assist others. There can be no greater pain than the loss of a loved one. I think we have all experienced that at one time of our life. However, I could not think of anything more horrifying than a parent losing a child. Recent scenes in the media of unions between those who have been fortunate enough to come home and their families highlight the depth of emotional connection between parents and their offspring. Unfortunately for some parents, their children or loved ones did not and will not return. To them, I offer my deepest condolences. To all those affected by this tragedy, I offer my deepest condolences.

Finally, I put on record my condolences for the many Indonesian victims, the victims of other nationalities and their families and friends.

**HON PADDY EMBRY** (South West) [4.08 pm]: I join with all members of this House, both those who have spoken and those who would like to but choose not to, in the sentiments expressed. I will not repeat what is obvious. I say to members as the leaders of our community that one of the ways to show the aggressors that they have won is by kowtowing to them and curtailing our way of life. It is absolutely essential that we show the community that we are not jumping at shadows at every corner and that we will continue the sort of life that our forefathers fought for and that we enjoy. We are determined that our way of life will still exist for our children and grandchildren.

**HON LOUISE PRATT** (East Metropolitan) [4.09 pm]: It is with great sadness that I speak to this condolence motion. I express my sympathy to all victims and their families. I find it incredible that there are so many Western Australian families who do not know anything certain about the fate of their loved ones. My heart goes out to them. Many people around the world, of all races and religions, have had to live with the impact of terrorism on their lives, families and communities. As a member of Parliament, I have spoken to many Western Australians who have suffered as a result of similar senseless acts overseas. Some of those people have found refuge in this country. Even after the attacks of September 11, I could never have thought that something like this would come home so close to home and affect so many Western Australian families. I could never have imagined that so many Western Australians would have to come to terms with the shocking impact of terrorism. My thoughts are with all the families, here and overseas, who have been affected by this tragic event.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.11 pm*
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

GRADUATED DRIVER TRAINING AND LICENSING SYSTEM, REMOTE COMMUNITIES

85. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
With regard to the Graduated Driver Training and Licensing System -

(1) What process will be available to remote and distant communities to enable participation in the Hazard Perception Test (HPT) when -
   (a) computers are not available;
   (b) internet is not available; and
   (c) download times in remote areas are lengthy?

(2) What process is or will be available to remote and distant communities to facilitate provision of supervised driving experience?

(3) Can the Minister identify those people deemed as being suitable to provide supervision of the 25 hours of supervised driving experience?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

1. Learner drivers residing outside a 100 km radius from a site administering the Hazard Perception Test are exempt from undertaking the test.

The HPT is currently available at 14 Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) Licensing Centres and 79 licensing agents throughout Western Australia. Arrangements are progressing to install the equipment at regional sites such as Collie, Derby, Kununurra, Tom Price and Newman.

For the Hon Member's information, the Computerised Theory Test/Hazard Perception Test (CTT/HTP) has no relation to the Internet. The results pages are provided via similar technology, but the test does not use the Internet as such. Essentially, the results pages are accessed from a personal computer connected to the DPI network (utilising the same connection used to conduct normal licensing transactions). The results page is displayed using HTML, a form of programming language used widely on the Internet. HTML is merely the medium in which the results are displayed. To display the HTML pages, a web browser is used (either Netscape Communicator or Microsoft Internet Explorer).

So, whilst Internet-type technology is employed to deliver the results, the Internet itself plays no part in the delivery. Test results are not accessible on the Internet.

As the quantity of information transmitted during the test is relatively small, download times for the CTT and HPT are swift. The tests are available in many regional locations thousands of kilometres from Perth and no difficulties have been experienced with data transmission.

2. The Learner Driver Assistance Scheme has been introduced to assist learners having genuine hardship and who do not have access to an experienced driving supervisor, to be matched with suitably screened experienced volunteer supervisors. The scheme is administered by Roadwise under the auspices of the Western Australian Local Government Association.

3. Learners can be supervised by a licensed driving instructor or a person who currently holds and has held the class of licence stated on the learners permit for four or more years.

NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS, STATISTICS

94. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier

(1) Can the Deputy Premier provide a list of all current native title claims over land in Western Australia showing -
   (a) the region(s) in which the land lies for each claim;
   (b) identifying the claimant group(s) or individual(s) for each claim; and
   (c) postal address of the claimant group(s) or individual(s) for each claim?

(2) Can the Deputy Premier indicate if any State funding has been provided to claimants?

(3) If so, -
   (a) which claimants;
b) when; and

c) how much?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) The State does not have this information readily at hand. However, the Federal Government's National Native Title Tribunal does maintain a register containing such information and you may wish to contact them to discuss access to that information which is available to the public.

(2)-(3) The Government is not able to indicate conclusively how much total funding may have been provided by any one of a number of State agencies to meet claimant costs in relation to native title related matters. As was the case under the previous Government, the State at times needs to meet claimant costs in progressing future act matters. Usually these costs are met by the provision of funding directly to NTRBs or consultants rather than being provided directly to claimants.

**BUSHPLAN/BUSH FOREVER SITES, PROTECTION**

97. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regards to Bushplan/Bushforever, I ask -

(1) Have you signed the National Strategy for the Conservation of Australia’s Biological Diversity bilateral agreement to meet national guidelines on the maintenance of biodiversity in Western Australia?

(2) What is the target percentage of any given ecosystem type to be conserved?

(3) Do the requirements of this agreement dictate that Bushplan/Bushforever sites must be protected?

(4) How will you be able to meet the requirement of this agreement if Bushplan/Bushforever sites are not protected?

(5) Will you put in place legislative protection for Bushplan/Bushforever sites?

(6) If yes to (5), when?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) The then Premier, the Hon Richard Court MLA signed the National Strategy for the Conservation of Australia's Biological Diversity, which was published in 1996.

In 2001 the Minister for the Environment and Heritage signed the 'National Objectives and Targets for Biodiversity Conservation 2001-2005'.

(2) There are various targets for the protection of native vegetation and ecosystem conservation contained within the agreed 'Objectives and Targets' document. It is important to recognise that in this document dates are indicative and application of the targets will vary in time across the jurisdictions. Some of the key targets are:

By 2001 have mechanisms in place that prevent clearance of ecological communities with an extent below 10% of that present pre-1750.

By 2003 have clearing controls in place that prevent clearance of ecological communities with an extent below 30% of that present pre-1750.

By 2005 a representative sample of each bioregion is protected within the National Reserve System or network of Indigenous Protected Areas or as private land managed for conservation under a conservation agreement.

(3) No. However, Bush Forever areas are an important component of any conservation system for the Swan Coastal Plain region. The Government's objective is to implement Bush Forever as fully as possible. In the event that changes to the status of boundaries of Bush Forever Sites are considered, the balance of ecological communities will be maintained by, where practicable, additions or substitute sites from within the area of the Swan Coastal Plain. This includes areas outside the Perth Metropolitan Region.

(4) The Objectives and Targets relate to the whole State and it is at this level that priorities are set. This is also the level at which the performance in meeting those targets is measured.

Targets do not simply relate to the areas within the National Reserve System, but include vegetation protected through other mechanisms, such as private land managed for conservation under a conservation agreement, as proposed under Bush Forever.

Bush Forever only relates to the area of the Swan Coastal Plain within the Perth Metropolitan Region. Many of the vegetation communities within the area are also found outside of this area.
The Government is pursuing mechanisms to offer some protection to Bush Forever sites through the statutory planning process. In addition some areas will be transferred into the formal conservation reserve system or protected through covenants and other agreements.

WINTHROP HACKETT, BEQUEST TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Can the Minister provide the substance of the Will of the Late Winthrop Hackett in respect of the terms of the Philanthropist's bequest to the University of Western Australia?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

Winthrop Hackett died in 1916. The original Will (1913 with Codicils dated 1914 and 1915) provided for the following:

· Endowment of a Chair of Agriculture
· Funding for the erection of a University Hall
· Funds to be applied as the University Senate may direct for the assistance and maintenance of deserving students of limited means

When the University received the bequest in 1926, it was in a larger sum than had been anticipated and a subsequent request to the Supreme Court resulted in authority to use funding for several purposes additional to those specified in the Will, namely:

· other buildings in addition to the University Hall provided for in the Will;
· a students' loan fund;
· the full or partial payment of a permanent full-time Vice Chancellor's salary; and
· maintenance of some buildings and adjoining grounds.

More recently, by an Order of the Supreme Court in December 1999, the Court interpreted and varied the Will to provide that:

(a) the income of part of the sum referred to as the Hackett Student Fund be used to 'provide financial assistance by way of scholarships, bursaries, studentships, grants, loans or other financial assistance on such terms and conditions as the Senate may from time to time determine to enable such students to commence, continue or complete their studies at the University of Western Australia or at any other university in Australia or elsewhere; and

(b) the income of the remainder of the sum be used for 'bursaries and research studentships for enrolled students of the University or graduates of the University of not more than three years standing of limited means.'

KWINANA AIR QUALITY BUFFER, REVIEW

In relation to the Review of the Kwinana Air Quality Buffer -

(1) What air pollutants were taken into consideration when formulating the new buffer zones?
(2) Will the Minister detail -

(a) what industries were taken into consideration when developing the new buffer zones; and
(b) what were the air pollutants considered from each of these industries?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

(1) The review of the Kwinana air quality buffer utilised existing available information on constraints from land uses including sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, dust and odour.

(2) (a)-(b) Kwinana Industrial Area – sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and dust.
Woodman Point and Kwinana wastewater treatment plants – odour.
Alcoa residue storage area – dust.
Cockburn Cement – sulphur dioxide and dust.
Henderson landfill – odour and dust.
Basic raw material areas – dust.

ATLAS WASTE FACILITY, WEIGHBRIDGE DOCKETS FOR WASTE DELIVERED TO TAMALA PARK

Will the Minister table all weighbridge dockets for waste delivered by Atlas to the Tamala Park waste facility from the City of Stirling on -
(a) December 21 2001;
(b) January 8 2002;
(c) January 10 2002;
(d) March 20 2002;
(e) April 4 2002;
(f) April 23 2002; and
(g) April 25 2002?

(2) Has the DEP carried out any testing on the compost product to verify that the compost meets Australian Standards?

(3) If yes, will the Minister table those tests?

(4) Will the Minister detail the Australian Standards for compost?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) No. The Department of Environmental Protection has advised that it does not require the submission of weighbridge documents from the Tamala Park Waste Facility. The Honourable Member could obtain these docket from the Mindarie Regional Council.

(2) The DEP has advised that it has not carried out testing on the Atlas compost to verify that it meets the Australian Standard for composts, soil conditioners and mulches. However, this issue is being considered in the draft licence for the Atlas farm at Calingiri.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) The relevant standard is AS 4454-1999 'Composts, soil conditioners and mulches', which is subject to copyright. The Standard can be purchased from Standards Australia.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STAFF APPOINTMENTS OF LEVEL 5 AND ABOVE

105. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Would the Minister provide a list of the names of all new Agriculture Department staff appointments of Level 5 and above over the past twelve months with the following details -

(a) name;
(b) the section those officers work in;
(c) what programme they are employed under; and
(d) previous employment?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

(1)-(3) BENNETT Anne Louise, Farm Business Economic and Modelling, Policy & Business Services; FLUGGE Kelvin Stuart, Sustainable Rural Development, Agricultural Resource Management; FRANCKI Michael Gregory, Biotechnology, Plant Industries; SKIRROW Susan Zillah, Animal Health Laboratories, Animal Industries; HILL Raymond John, AQIS (Western Australia), Plant Industries; LANG Miriam Philippa, Meekatharra District, Animal Industries; CARR Stephen John, Pasture Science, Plant Industries; LATIF Muhammad, Horticulture Unit, Plant Industries; SMITH Peter Colton, Karratha District, Animal Industries; WROTH Robert Harold, Veterinary Services, Animal Industries; DAVISON Elaine Mary, Plant Pathology, Plant Industries; GRAYDON Russell John, Pathology, Animal Industries; CHESNEY Celia Ruth, Knowledge Management Unit, Policy & Business Services; SHAN Edwin Frederick, Finance, Corporate Services; LEE Francis, Animal Production Section, Animal Industries; BRANDON Neil James, Cropping Systems, Plant Industries; ROWE Nicholas Miles, Spatial Resources Information Unit, Policy & Business Services; ABADI GHADIM Amir Khosrow, Farm Business Economic and Modelling, Policy &
Business Services; SAYERS Therese Anne, Public Affairs, Policy & Business Services; MONJARDINO Marta, Weed Science and Modelling, Plant Industries; STONE Paul Graeme, Management Services Management, Corporate Services; HAWLEY Kerry Edward, Southern Agricultural Region, Corporate Services; RUSSO Anthony Vince, Internal Audit, Internal Audit; LORD Jane Elizabeth, Occupational Safety & Health, Corporate Services; MARRETT Peter Geoffrey, Grain Products Laboratory, Plant Industries; PETER Duncan Wilbur, Moora District, Plant Industries; VANSTONE Vivien Alison, Plant Pathology, Plant Industries.

(4) This information is not readily available and would require significant resources and redirection of staff to collate. If the Hon Member has a specific query I will attempt to obtain the required information.

GRAHAM FARMER FREeway AND CALEDONIAN AVENUE, MAYLANDS, SHARED-USE PATH

106. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regard to the shared use path currently being constructed adjacent to the railway between Graham Farmer Freeway and Caledonian Avenue, Maylands, can the Minister advise -

(1) Were tenders called for this project?
(2) If so, on what date were the tenders called?
(3) How many tenders were submitted?
(4) What were the tender prices submitted?
(5) Who were the tenderers?
(6) Who won the tender?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

(1) Yes.
(2) 25 August 2001.
(3) Nine tender submissions were received.
(4)-(5) Advanteering Civil Engineers (Alternative 3) $3 389 262.07
    Advanteering Civil Engineers (Alternative 2) $3 394 912.07
    Advanteering Civil Engineers (Alternative 1) $3 395 587.01
    Advanteering Civil Engineers (conforming) $3 401 237.07
    Ertech Pty Ltd (conforming) $3 431 255.12
    Georgiou Group Pty Ltd (conforming) $3 561 977.16
    Lakis Constructions (conforming) $3 836 640.50
    Malavoca Pty Ltd (conforming) $4 329 427.17
    Brierty Contractors (conforming) $4 554 063.10
(6) Advanteering Civil Engineers.

ROADS, LIME SANDS ROUTE 2

108. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

On September 4 2002, the Minister announced that she has requested Main Roads to bring forward $1.5 million from next year’s Budget to commence the upgrading of Lime Sands Route 2, which will cost an estimated $7 million - Can the Minister advise the cost of the consultation process, including, the Community Workshops, the Steering Group and the preparation and distribution of the Final Report into the Lime Sands Routes?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

The cost of the consultation process for the Agricultural Lime Route review was $26 780 and is comprised of the following components:

- Advertising $4 690
- Community Workshops $17 766
- Printing/distribution* $4 324

* includes papers for the Workshops and printing and distribution of final Report

MAIN ROADS WA, CONTRACT SUPERINTENDENTS

109. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

(1) How many Contract Superintendents does Main Roads WA have?
(2) In each case, will the Minister please detail the experience the Contract Superintendent has?

(3) In each of the last five years -
(a) how much has been paid for legal advice on contract or engineering disputes;
(b) to which firms has this money been paid;
(c) how much has been paid to each firm;
(d) how many disputes have been resolved as a result of completed court action;
(e) in how many of the disputes referred to in (d) above was MRWA required to pay money to the opposing party; and
(f) referring to the amount paid for legal advice on contract or engineering disputes and to the amount paid as described in (e) above, is this money budgeted for separately or is it paid from general MRWA revenue?

(4) In each of the last five years -
(a) how much has been paid to train MRWA personnel on contract administration procedures;
(b) to which firms has this money been paid; and
(c) how much has been paid to each firm?

(5) In each of the last five years -
(a) how many expert consultants have been retained in the course of contract disputes;
(b) in each case, were the consultants retained by MRWA or by the legal advisers retained by MRWA; and
(c) what was the total amount paid to legal advisers retained by MRWA in respect of expert consultants have been retained in the course of contract disputes?

(6) Referring to major engineering contracts, what qualifications are required of MRWA personnel who -
(a) prepare specifications for these contracts;
(b) administer them; and
(c) administer them on site?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

(1) Main Roads currently has approximately 80 officers engaged in Contract Superintendent functions.

(2) Each Contract Superintendent has substantial skill, knowledge and experience in project and contract management of road and/or bridge projects including works procurement and delivery.

(3)-(5) The Honourable Member has asked for detailed and comprehensive information regarding contracts awarded by Main Roads over the past five years together with details the Contract Superintendents administering Main Roads' contracts and contract disputes.

Over the past five years, Main Roads has awarded over 140 contracts each exceeding a value of $1 million and having a total award value in excess of $2,023 million. These contracts have been undertaken with an extremely low level of formal dispute.

To research and provide the detailed contract information requested would take considerable time and effort and require scarce resources to be diverted from operational activities. The Minister is not prepared to redirect these resources, however, if there are specific contracts the Honourable Member wishes to obtain information on, every effort will be made to provide these details.

(6) Main Roads personnel who prepare specifications for and/or administer major engineering contracts are required to have a degree in Civil Engineering or other related discipline, or an equivalent level of skill, knowledge and experience.

**NAREMBEEN DEEP DRAINAGE PROJECT, IMPACT ON WETLAND RESERVES**

111. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to the Narembeen Deep Drainage Project -

(1) What has been the impact of deep drainage on wetland reserves that are under the management of the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM)?
(2) What studies or work has CALM carried out on the impacts of deep drainage, including water quality testing?

(3) If there has been damage sustained from deep drainage impacts, what actions have been taken to remedy the situation?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) The Narembeen deep drain network involves three nature reserves. Two are higher in the catchment, and the drains have not affected their conservation values. The drain network finishes in a natural drainage line about eight kilometres east of the third nature reserve, Seagroatt Nature Reserve. The original drainage proposal passed through the formal Notice of Intent process managed by the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation. Evaluating the specific impacts of drainage water on the nature reserve is highly complex given both the general deterioration of wheatbelt valley floor ecosystems and the large flood event in January 2000. Waterlogging as a result of the flood, interacting with salinity, caused native plant deaths in a number of wheatbelt valley systems.

An officer from the Department of Conservation and Land Management has inspected the area downstream from the drain outflow, and reported that drainage waters may now be affecting the nature reserve. The Department has expressed concern to the Deputy Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation who is collecting data on the situation.

(2) A case study dealing with the impacts of rural drainage on nature conservation values was completed for the Department of Conservation and Land Management in September 2000. A method for assessing impacts of drainage was proposed as part of this work. As data become available, including information from the current CSIRO study of Narembeen drains, it is intended to use the methodology to assess impacts on nature conservation values in Seagroatt Nature Reserve.

(3) Whether or not there are specific impacts from drainage that require remedial action has yet to be determined.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS

113. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

In the 2002-03 Budget Papers, the total number of FTEs employed at the Department of Agriculture was as follows -

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Can the Minister please provide the following information -

(1) Are the FTEs quoted in the Budget Papers the total FTEs employed at the Department of Agriculture funded from all sources including State, Commonwealth, R & D and industry sources?

(2) If not, can the Minister please clarify these figures and how the FTEs are funded?

(3)-(4) For each of the three years listed above, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of FTEs funded exclusively from the State Government?

For each of the three years listed above, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of FTEs funded from other sources, such as Commonwealth Government, Industry Funds and R & D funds?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

(1) Yes.

(2) Not applicable

(3)-4

2000/01 Consolidated Fund 1219 FTEs, Trust funds 133 FTEs, Commonwealth funds 171 FTEs, Industry funds 181 FTEs.

2001/02 Consolidated Fund 1193 FTEs, Trust funds 32 FTEs, Commonwealth funds 205 FTEs, Industry funds 178 FTEs.

2002/03 Consolidated Fund 1199 FTEs, Trust funds 26 FTEs, Commonwealth funds 180 FTEs, Industry funds 148 FTEs.

GNANGARA LAND USE AND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY

123. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the Gnangara Land Use and Water Management Strategy (the Strategy) adopted in January 2001 -
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(1) Has the Draft Environmental Protection (Gnangara Mound Crown Land) Policy (1999) been finalised?
(2) If no to (1), why not?
(3) If no to (1), when will the draft be finalised?
(4) Has the Draft State Groundwater Environmental Protection Policy been finalised?
(5) If no to (4), why not?
(6) If no to (4), when will the draft be finalised?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1)-(3) In 1999, the Environmental Protection Authority revised the Environmental Protection (Gnangara Mound Crown Land) Policy 1992 and recommended to Government that the 1992 Policy be re-issued unchanged. The Government accepted the advice but noted that it was not necessary to formally re-gazette the Policy to achieve this outcome.

(4) No.

(5)-(6) Amendments are required to the Environmental Protection Act 1986 to provide for State wide Environmental Protection Policies in the manner envisaged in the Draft Environmental Protection (State Groundwater) Policy. These amendments form part of the Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2002 currently before the Legislative Assembly.

GNANGARA PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN, FINALISATION

124. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the Gnangara Mound and the Gnangara Park Concept Plan released in 1999 -

(1) Has the Gnangara Park Management Plan (the Management Plan) been finalised?
(2) If no to (1), why not?
(3) If no to (1), when will it be finalised?
(4) Has any State Government money been allocated to the implementation of the Management Plan?
(5) If yes to (4), how much has been allocated in the 2002-2003 financial year?
(6) If yes to (4), how much will be allocated in subsequent financial years?
(7) If no to (4), why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) No.

(2) The release of the plan was postponed due to:
   (i) The deliberations with regard to the proposed Laminated Veneer Lumber Plant and the associated harvest planning.
   (ii) Land management issues and timber harvest planning directly related to water supply needs for drinking water and the conservation needs of threatened ecological communities that are dependent on Gnangara Mound in the context of current drought.

(3) It is expected that the final plan will be released approximately six months after the completion of interdepartmental negotiations on matters related to the Laminated Veneer Lumber Plant.

(4) Yes.

(5) Recurrent - $ 84,355
    Capital - $250,000
    TOTAL - $334,355

(6) $250,000 capital for the next two financial years.

(7) N/A.

PINETEC LIMITED, RELOCATION AND TIMBER RESOURCE

126. Hon Bill Stretch to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

(1) When is the Government expected to honour Premier Gallop’s July commitment to expedite Pinetec’s pallet-making project for Collie?
(2) Will the Government contribute financially to the Company’s relocation costs, in view of the Government’s cancellation of its access to pine logs from the Gnangara pine plantation resource?

(3) Will the Minister give a written undertaking that a suitable timber resource will be available to Pinetec, as it has done for other milling and production projects?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

(1) The decision to relocate its sawmill to the South-West from Bassendean rests with Pinetec. I understand the Company is still considering its options with respect of a preferred site. Government agencies are seeking to assist Pinetec in matters related to their proposed relocation.

(2) The Government has not cancelled Pinetec's contract for sawlogs from the Swan Region. Any application from Pinetec for assistance with respect to moving to the South-West will be considered on its merits.

(3) Pinetec has access to 60,000 cubic metres of sawlogs under contract. These contracts are for terms of 10 years, consistent with the Forest Products Act 2000. It is negotiating for a further 20,000 cubic metres.

ROYAL ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICES, ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCE MAGAZINE

129. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

(1) Does the Department provide any assistance to the Royal Association of Justices to assist the association in the production of a magazine?

(2) If so, -

(a) how much is provided;

(b) upon what basis is the amount calculated;

(c) how many editions are produced each year;

(d) what is the print run of each edition;

(e) how many of each edition are sent out;

(f) to what categories of persons are they sent and how many are in each category;

(g) is any money provided to any other organisation for the production of a magazine; and

(h) does the Department of Justice in any other manner provide funds for or regular information to persons who are Justices of the Peace but not members of the Royal Association of Justices?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

(1) The Department of Justice makes an annual grant to the Royal Association of Justices of Western Australia, part of which is to assist in the production of their Journal.

(2)

(a) $45,000;

(b) normal budgetary processes;

(c) 11 journals are produced each year;

(d) approximately 2600 copies;

(e) approximately 2500 copies;

(f) approximately 2500 copies represents the members of the Association. In addition, approximately 100 copies are mailed to external persons or organisations, such as the Governor, the Attorney General, Government Departments, members of the judiciary, and Clerks of Courts;

(g) no; and

(h) the Department of Justice, through the Justice of the Peace Branch, mails relevant information to all Justices, whether they are members of the Association or not, including a calendar of training seminars to be held.

KWINANA INDUSTRIES, EMISSION SCRUBBING DEVICES, BYPASS INCIDENTS

133. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

(1) In the last three years to September 17 2002 how many industrial facilities on the Kwinana industrial strip bypassed their emission scrubbing devices?
(2) Will the Minister please identify which industrial facilities reported bypass incidents and the dates which the emission bypass situations occurred?

(3) Will the Minister table the reasons given by each company for each of these bypass incidents?

(4) Were emission monitoring tests conducted during any of the bypass incidents to determine the pollution concentrations leaving the stacks of the industrial facilities?

(5) If yes, what were the measured pollution concentrations?

(6) Has any assessment been made of the environmental or public health risks presented by the emissions of any of these industrial facilities during bypass incidents?

(7) If so, will the Minister table the assessments?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates approximately 225 industrial premises in the Kwinana-Peel region, with many premises having multiple scrubbing devices. The DEP has advised that it would take a significant amount of time to provide the details requested by the Hon Member for the three year period. However, should the Hon Member have a question about specific industrial premises or alleged bypass events, the DEP would be able to provide this information.

(2)-(7) Answered by question (1).

DUTY PRESS SECRETARY, 7 AND 8 JUNE

146. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

(1) Who was the Duty Press Secretary for the weekend of June 7 and 8?

(2) What meetings, events or other engagements did the Duty Press Secretary attend on that weekend?

(3) What issues were raised with the Duty Press Secretary on that weekend?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

(1) The duty Media Adviser for the Premier was Kieran Murphy; the duty Media Adviser for Cabinet was Mark Thompson.

(2)-(3) These questions are of such a general nature as to be impossible to answer. The Member needs to be more specific.

HOUGH BROOK, TESTING OF WATER IN TRIBUTARY

149. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to the previous question without notice No. 93 dated August 21 2002 and question on notice No. 670 asked on May 22 2002 regarding the application for an licence to take surface water from a tributary of the Hough Brook in the Ferguson Valley -

(1) Would the Minister advise whether testing has been carried out on water in the tributary of the Hough Brook to establish base line data?

(2) If so, what were the results?

(3) If yes to (1), was testing carried out at the same time that the water in the dam was tested?

(4) If testing of the water in the tributary of the Hough Brook has not been done, will it be carried out before any decision is made on the licence and over what period of time would this be done?

(5) If not, why not?

(6) Would the Minister advise what the total review of environmental assessment by the Water and Rivers Commission will comprise as referred to in the answer to question without notice No. 93 dated August 21 2002?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

(1) The Water and Rivers Commission has advised that no testing has been carried out on water in the tributary of the Hough Brook to establish base line data.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Not applicable.
(4)-(6) This matter is subject to an appeal decision of the Environmental Protection Authority, and until such decision, no licence will be granted. However, in clarifying my answer to your Question without notice on August 21 2002, and subject to the issuing of such a licence, the Water & Rivers Commission will undertake compliance audits during the term of any licence. During these audits the Water & Rivers Commission will monitor electrical conductivity, temperature, pH, turbidity, erosion, visual health and flow regimes of Hough Brook.

CONTAMINATED SITES, PROPOSED LEGISLATION

197. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to Question 810 of June 26 2002, when will the proposed contaminated sites legislation be introduced?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

As soon as the current round of final ministerial consultations are complete.

PERTH HOUSEHOLDS, ANNUAL WATER CONSUMPTION

202. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises

Can the Minister provide the following information for the year 2000-01 -

(1) The average domestic consumption of water for Perth households?
(2) Number of households with annual consumption below 100 kl?
(3) Number of households with consumption below the average?
(4) Number of households with consumption between 100 kl and 200 kl?
(5) Number of households with consumption between 200 kl and 300 kl?
(6) Number of households with consumption between 300 kl and 400 kl?
(7) Number of households with consumption above 400 kl?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

(1) 325kl
(2) 51,328
(3) 263,964
(4) 96,602
(5) 95,024
(6) 72,579
(7) 223,197