

PERTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

2713. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for the Environment

Since 2002 an Annual Report on the Implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan has been released to the public, and I ask the Minister:

- (a) why hasn't the 2005–2006 Annual Report on the Implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan been released to the public;
- (b) when did the Air Quality Coordinating Committee last meet;
- (c) if it has not met this year, why not and when is it likely to meet next;
- (d) does the Minister intend to compile a 2006–2007 Annual Report on the Implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan; and
- (e) if so, when will it be released to the public; and
- (f) does the Government intend to terminate the Perth Air Quality Management Plan following the current review?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (a) The progress report for 2005-2006 for the Perth Air Quality Management Plan is still in preparation. The report is expected to be finalised and ready for release within the next two months.
- (b) The Air Quality Coordinating Committee (AQCC) last met on 4 December 2006. The Vehicle Emissions Reduction Working Group (a subcommittee of the AQCC) met on 24 April 2007.
- (c) The position of chair of the committee has been vacant since January 2007. Following the recent appointment of an officer to oversee the implementation of the Air Quality Management Plan for the Department of Environment and Conservation, the AQCC is scheduled to meet before the end of this year.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) The report will be released once it has been endorsed by the AQCC. This is not expected to occur until early 2008.
- (f) No. The recommendations in the review report are expected to provide useful guidance for the ongoing implementation of the Air Quality Management Plan.