

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION - HEALTH OF RIVERS, PROSECUTIONS  
FOR LAND CLEARING AND EXPENDITURE ON ADVERTISING

2281. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Can the Minister detail the nutrient input in March 2007, from rural sub-catchments into the following systems -
  - (a) Swan River;
  - (b) Canning River; and
  - (c) Peel Estuary?
- (2) Can the Minister detail the nutrient input in March 2007, from urban sub-catchments into the following systems -
  - (a) Swan River;
  - (b) Canning River; and
  - (c) Peel Estuary?
- (3) Can the Minister detail the nutrient input in March 2007, from individual urban drains into the following systems -
  - (a) Swan River;
  - (b) Canning River; and
  - (c) Peel Estuary?
- (4) Can the Minister give details of the nutrient input from sub-catchments into 'other' rural estuaries and rivers in the South Western land region in March 2007?
- (5) Can the Minister give details of the nutrient input from sub-catchments into 'other' major rural estuaries and rivers in March 2007?
- (6) How many algal blooms were recorded in the Swan River in March 2007?
- (7) How many algal blooms were recorded in the Canning River in March 2007?
- (8) How many algal blooms were recorded in the Peel Estuary in March 2007?
- (9) How many algal blooms were recorded in 'other' rivers in March 2007?
- (10) What was the estimated number of fish killed due to poor environmental conditions in the Swan and Canning Rivers in March 2007?
- (11) In March 2007, how many applications for building and developmental projects immediately adjacent to the Swan and Canning Rivers were -
  - (a) submitted;
  - (b) approved; and
  - (c) rejected (please provide details of all rejections)?
- (12) How many individuals were prosecuted for land clearing, or similar offences, in March 2007?
- (13) What was the total amount spent by the Department of Environment and all other related Government entities on advertising in March 2007 (please provide a breakdown)?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) (a)-(b) The Swan River Trust reports on the extent to which rural catchments of the Swan and Canning Rivers achieve water quality targets for phosphorus and nitrogen in its Annual Report. This information is detailed on pages 46 to 50 of the Annual Report 2005-06.
  - (c) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.
- (2) (a)-(b) The Swan River Trust reports on the extent to which urban catchments of the Swan and Canning Rivers achieve water quality targets for phosphorus and nitrogen in its Annual Report. This information is detailed on pages 46 to 50 of the Annual Report 2005-06.
  - (c) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.

- (3) (a)-(b) The Swan River Trust reports on the extent to which urban drains of the Swan and Canning Rivers achieve water quality targets for phosphorus and nitrogen in its Annual Report. This information is detailed on pages 46 to 50 of the Annual Report 2005-06.
- (c) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.
- (4) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.
- (5) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.
- (6) The Swan River was sampled 35 times during March 2007 and exceeded the criteria for an algal bloom on 23 occasions.
- (7) The Canning River was sampled 40 times during March 2007 and exceeded the criteria for an algal bloom on 25 occasions.
- (8) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.
- (9) Please refer this part of the question to the Minister for Water Resources.
- (10) Nil
- (11) (a) In the month of March 2007 the Swan River Trust received 17 applications which required determination by the Minister for the environment and 10 applications which required advice to be provided to determining authorities by the Swan River Trust.
- (b) In the month of March 2007 the Minister for the environment approved 6 applications.
- (c) In the month of March 2007, no applications were refused by the Minister for the Environment.
- (12) There were no prosecutions of individuals for land clearing or similar offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 in March 2007.
- (13) The total amount spent by the Swan River Trust on advertising expenditure for March 2007 - \$2 666.42. This was related to the Health Rivers Action Plan.
- The total amount spent by the Department of Environment and Conservation on advertising in March 2007 was \$40 449 made up of the following:
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| Contracts/Tenders  | \$540    |
| Employment         | \$13 525 |
| Public Information | \$26 384 |