

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

2195. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Can the Minister detail the nutrient input last month, 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 last month, 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 last month, 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 last month?
- (5) Can the Minister give details of the nutrient input from sub-catchments into 'other' major rural estuaries and rivers last month?
- (6) How many algal blooms were recorded in the Swan River last month?
- (7) How many algal blooms were recorded in the Canning River last month?
- (8) How many algal blooms were recorded in the Peel Estuary last month?
- (9) How many algal blooms were recorded in 'other' rivers last month?
- (10) What was the estimated number of fish killed due to poor environmental conditions in the Swan and Canning Rivers in the last month?
- (11) Last month, 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 the last month?
- (13) What was the total amount spent by the Department of Environment and all other related Government entities on advertising last month (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 chlorophyll data for the Swan River could not be obtained at this time.
- (7) The chlorophyll data for the Canning River could not be obtained at this time.
- (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 April 2007 the Swan River Trust received 12 applications which required determination by the Minister for the Environment and 4 applications which required advice to be provided to determining authorities by the Swan River Trust.
- (b) In the month of April 2007, the Minister for the Environment approved 6 applications.
- (c) In the month of April 2007, on the advice of the Swan River Trust, the Minister for the environment refused one application for the construction of a private jetty in the Swan River at Caversham. The proposed jetty was contrary to Trust policy and the recommendation of the Trust to refuse the application was consistent with policy and recent practice.
- (12) There were no prosecutions of individuals for land clearing or similar offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 in April 2007.
- (13) The total amount spent by the Swan River Trust for April 2007 - \$867.80. This was related to advertising for the Healthy Rivers Action Plan.

The total amount spent by the Department of Environment and Conservation and all other related Government entities on advertising in April 2007 \$113 589.

The Department of Environment and Conservation spent \$110 189 made up of the following:

Contracts/Tenders	\$0
Employment	\$7 161
Public Information	\$103 028

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council spent \$3,400 made up of the following:

Contracts/Tenders	\$0
Employment	\$0
Public Information	\$3 400