

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS,  
APPEALS

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

- (1) What are the types of environmental impact assessments that the Environmental Protection Authority can decide to carry out on projects referred to it?
- (2) For each of the last eight years how many of each type of environmental impact assessment levels set by the EPA were appealed and how many of the appeals were successful?
- (3) For each of the last eight years how much income was earned from appeals on the level of assessment set by the EPA?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Section 40 (3) of the Environment Protection Act 1986 provides for the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to determine “the form, content, timing and procedure of any environmental review required to be undertaken”. The Act does not constrain the EPA on what types of environmental impact assessments it can decide to carry out. However, the EPA has set out the normal levels of assessment it uses in its Environmental Impact Assessments Administrative Procedures 1993 and Environmental Impact Assessments Administrative Procedures Amendment 1999.

I now table these Procedures on behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage. [See paper No 951.]

- (2) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reports the total number of level of assessment decisions made each year, the number of these which are appealed, and the number of decisions for which appeals are upheld in its Annual Report.

I now table the information from the DEP’s 1999/2000 Annual Report which includes information for the last 10 years. The DEP’s 2000/2001 Annual Report will be published shortly. [See paper No 951.]

In addition, statistics on appeal decisions are available on the Appeal Convenor’s web site at [www.wa.gov.au/appeals](http://www.wa.gov.au/appeals). Information for the last 7 years is detailed below.

Year	Total no. appeals on on level of assessment	Allowed	Allowed in part	Dismissed	other
1994	137	13	1	117	6
1995	104	5	1	88	10
1996	84	7	0	68	9
1997	138	63	2	63	10
1998	117	26	9	57	25
1999	107	11	19	69	8
2000	138	35	13	84	6

- (3) Income earned from each appeal was \$10.00, although some appeal fees were returned for appeals withdrawn.

Year	Income Earned
2000	1380.00
1999	1070.00
1998	1170.00
1997	1380.00
1996	840.00
1995	1040.00
1994	1370.00