

SWAN RIVER, AUTOPSY AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS REPORT OF FISH KILLED

1316. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

Will the Minister table the Swan River Trust's autopsy and chemical analysis report of fish killed in the Swan River in August 2003?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

The fish kills in the Swan and Canning Rivers in 2003 occurred between April and June. Extensive testing was carried out on fish, water and sediment sampling during this period. All tests confirmed that the fish were killed by the algae *Karlodinium micrum*. A paper explaining what caused the algal bloom and how it killed the fish has been provided (Attachment 1) along with a pathology report from the Department of Fisheries on one set of fish samples collected in June 2003 (Attachment 2). I now seek leave to table Attachments 1 and 2. [See paper No 1705.]