

COCKBURN CEMENT LTD, EMISSIONS

790. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Is the Minister for Health aware that emissions from the Cockburn Cement Ltd plant in Cockburn are causing burns to the eyes, respiratory tracts and skin of children in the urban areas near the plant?
- (2) What action will the minister take to prevent these emissions damaging the health of the people living in the area?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) The Department of Health is aware of residents' concerns and has received two surveys from the Cockburn Association for Concerned Residents. The Department of Health is investigating the issue and has requested results of ambient monitoring from Cockburn Cement. The department will take appropriate action to ensure protection of public health and safety.