

COCKBURN CEMENT LTD, EMISSIONS

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

Further to question without notice 790 of 27 November 2001 -

- (1) Who carried out the ambient monitoring at the Cockburn Cement Ltd facility and what emissions have been monitored?
- (2) Will the Department of Health undertake its own monitoring and health studies; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Can the Minister for Health better define what appropriate actions have been and will be taken by the Department of Health to protect public safety and health?
- (4) When was the Department of Health first made aware of health effects caused by Cockburn Cement Ltd emissions and how was it made aware?
- (5) Has the department met with members of the community who have suffered health impacts from the emissions; and, if not, when will it directly interview affected citizens to discuss their injuries and illness?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Cockburn Cement Ltd has contracted an independent consultant to undertake ambient monitoring and the results have been requested by the Department of Health. Cockburn Cement will present the results to the department on 12 December 2001.
- (2) The Department of Health is currently undertaking some preliminary soil sampling on a property in the area.
- (3) Actions will depend upon analytical results.
- (4) The Department of Health was first made aware of community concerns at a public meeting held on 12 July 2001.
- (5) The Department of Health has already met with concerned community members.