

COLLIE RIVER — CONTAMINATION CONCERN

6005. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

In relation to the recent apparent contamination of the Collie River, I ask:

- (a) is the contamination a result of the dumping of polluted water into the river;
- (b) what action has been taken to clean up the contamination in the river and the creek;
- (c) did Lanco Infratech Limited breach any environmental conditions in allowing the sediment from the mine's dumps to wash into the river; and
 - (i) if so, what was the breach; and
- (d) has an assessment been undertaken to determine whether this incident has had an adverse effect on any flora, fauna or fish stocks; and
 - (i) if yes, what was the outcome of the assessment; and
 - (ii) if not, why not?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a) The source of the recent apparent contamination is not known. The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has commenced an investigation into this apparent contamination of the Collie River.
- (b) DMP is not aware of any action and DMP has only just commenced investigation into the apparent contamination.
- (c) See answer to (a).
- (d) No, as DMP has only just commenced an investigation into the apparent contamination. The results from the investigation will determine the required follow up actions.