

PERTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN, IMPLEMENTATION

2149. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

The 'Implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan Progress Report to June 2003', noted that Initiative 3 Program 2, Assess cost effective NOx emission reduction options and implement agreed options to reduce emissions from significant industrial sources, had not commenced.

- (1) What are the significant sources of NOx in Western Australia?
- (2) Has Initiative 3 Program 2 now been commenced?
- (3) If yes to (2), when will it be completed?
- (4) Has its delay been caused by lobbying from industries?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) The National Pollutant Inventory website (NPI, Department of Environment and Heritage, <http://www.npi.gov.au>) indicates that for Western Australia, the largest sources of NOx are:
 - Burning of vegetation(fuel reduction, agriculture and wildfires) - 30%
 - Biogenic sources - 20%,
 - Mining - 14%
 - Electricity supply - 11%
 - Motor vehicles - 8%.For Perth, the NPI website indicates that the major sources are:
 - Motor vehicles - 47%
 - Biogenic sources - 14%,
 - Electricity supply - 14%
 - Cement, lime, plaster and concrete product manufacture - 9%
 - Commercial and recreational boating - 5%
- (2) Yes, the assessment of cost effective NOx reduction options has commenced.
- (3) The assessment phase of the program is expected to deliver a report in November 2004. The implementation phase of the program will then follow through early 2005 in consultation with relevant industries.
- (4) No. The delay identified in the Air Quality Management Plan Progress Report was primarily due to the need to complete preliminary technical work.