

SWAN RIVER WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATION, ELEVATED LEVELS OF CONTAMINANTS

1060. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Has the DoE investigated the cause of the elevated levels of cobalt, chromium, copper, manganese and sulphate found at sample site BWR 8 during the April 16 2003 Swan River Water Quality Investigation?
- (2) If yes, what did the DoE find was the cause(s) of the elevated levels of contaminants?
- (3) If no investigation has taken place, why not, given that the report says the elevated levels require further investigation?
- (4) If the investigation is underway what are the preliminary findings?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not Applicable.
- (3-4) The Swan River Water Quality Investigation indicated the need for a more general investigation. A technical report that encompasses the Swan River Water Quality Investigation and broader investigations in the vicinity initiated at that time is being finalised. The technical report will provide the basis for determining the nature and scope of the further investigations required and the scientific protocols that will apply. It is essential for this to occur prior to any further investigation to ensure the reliability of the results obtained from the investigations.