

PETROL AND DIESEL SUPPLIES, EMERGENCY PLANS

387. Ms WARNOCK to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What contingency plans does the Government have (if any) to allocate petrol and diesel supplies to agriculture, industry and “essential services” in the event of a prolonged oil production shortfall such as that predicted by some oil industry analysts?
- (2) Does the Government plan another “Energy use in Transport” inquiry along the lines of that held by a previous Government in 1979, at the time of a previous Middle East oil shortage?

Mr COWAN replied:

- (1) Under the emergency management framework administered by the State Emergency Management Advisory Committee (SEMAC), the Office of Energy is the Management Authority for liquid fuel shortages. In concert with industry, the Office has developed the State Liquid Fuel Shortage Plan. The plan provides a methodical approach and details the steps to be taken in managing a petroleum products shortage emergency in Western Australia. The plan provides for the rationing of liquid fuel sales using provisions contained in the Fuel, Energy and Power Resources Act 1972.
- (2) No.