

WHALEBACK GOLF COURSE, POLLUTION

128. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the DEP identified the source of the pollution that occurred near the Whaleback Golf Course?
- (2) If yes -
- (a) what was the source of the pollution; and
- (b) what was the pollutant?
- (3) What company or individual was responsible for the pollution?
- (4) Is the DEP proceeding with prosecution in relation to this pollution?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) What measures has the Minister implemented to ensure that a similar pollution incident does not occur within the metropolitan area?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2) (a) An overflow of liquid waste from an industrial premises.
- (b) PO5 oil, which is similar to diesel.
- (3) The DEP has identified the company, but is not releasing the details until investigations have been completed as this may prejudice the case.
- (4) Yes, a prosecution brief is being prepared.
- (5) N/A.
- (6) It is not possible to guarantee that a similar pollution incident does not occur within the metropolitan area. However, the DEP has been conducting joint inspections with DME and WorkSafe WA of high-risk chemical storage facilities.