

ALCOA, LIQUOR BURNING FACILITY

1046. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:

The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs in its eleventh report stated at paragraph 6.71 the following -

In July 2002 the DEP advised . . . that extensive testing had been undertaken on emissions from the LBF -

That is, liquor burning facility -

which showed that very low levels of compounds, including benzene, were being emitted. The highest in-stack concentration measurement of 2.6 milligrams per cubic metre . . .

- (1) Can the minister inform the House whether this information about liquor burning emissions came from the same Alcoa report provided to the Environment and Public Affairs Committee titled “Emissions from Wagerup’s Liquor Burning Facility - October 1996 to December 2002”?
- (2) If no to (1), from which source was the information obtained?
- (3) If the DoE received this report, was it a full copy, and did the copy provided to the DoE contain information on benzene emissions?
- (4) What was the highest reported stack concentration of benzene in that report?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for his question. The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response -

- (1) The information did not come from the same Alcoa report the honourable member references. The report “Emissions from Wagerup’s Liquor Burning Facility - October 1996 to December 2002” postdates the July 2002 submission by the Department of Environment that is referred to as paragraph 6.71 of the committee’s report to which the honourable member referred.
- (2) The source was the Alcoa report titled “Bi-monthly Monitoring Program Results for the Period October 2001 to March 2002” and dated May 2002.
- (3)-(4) The Department of Environment received a full copy of the report the honourable member referred to in question (1). The submitted report did not contain information on benzene emissions.