

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, GARDEN ISLAND AND GAGE ROADS

594. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- (1) In the case of a major nuclear accident caused by ships at Garden Island and Gage Roads, which emergency service personnel would be required to go into the affected area to -
 - (i) assist the injured; and
 - (ii) secure the radiation source and decontaminate the affected area?
- (2) What and how much protective equipment is available for emergency services that would respond to a nuclear accident, and where is it located?
- (3) What information has been given to the people of Fremantle and Rockingham to enable them to take protective action?
- (4) How have residents been informed about the emergency procedures?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has provided the following response -

- (1)
 - (i) HMAS *Stirling* naval personnel or the Western Australia Police Service.
 - (ii) United States naval personnel.
- (2) The Police Service has sourced from overseas personal protective equipment to be used in a radioactive environment. This PPE is held in a central location for deployment to any incident. In the event that additional PPE is required, it may be sourced from defence services.
- (3) Information has been provided to the public that there is an emergency management plan in place for visits of nuclear-powered warships. District emergency management and local emergency management committees have been provided with information and advice on the procedures that should be initiated in the event of an emergency.
- (4) Residents have been advised through media coverage that surrounds these visits that the emergency management plan is in place and has been exercised. Specific emergency procedures would be broadcast to the public in the event of a radiation leakage. The state emergency management committee, district emergency management and local emergency management committees are aware of processes and procedures that should be initiated in any such emergency for dissemination to the public.