

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TREATMENT FACILITY FOR WASTE DRUMS

**106. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

- (1) Does the Department of Environmental Protection plan to establish a treatment facility for waste drums on the waste control fire site in Bellevue?
- (2) What process will be employed by the DEP to ascertain the risks to workers, the community and the environment posed by -
  - (a) the operations of the treatment facility; and
  - (b) on-site contamination?
- (3) Has the Health Department of Western Australia given advice to the DEP on the treatment facility proposal?
- (4) If yes, please detail.
- (5) If not, why not?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Monitoring of volatile organics and dust, coupled with operational controls.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The Health Department of Western Australia has written to the Department of Environmental Protection stating that it does not object to the management plan, subject to suggested additions to the monitoring. The suggested use of a photoionization detector has been accepted. Clarification was also sought on the dust monitoring to be undertaken. This clarification was also provided.
- (5) Not applicable.