

SWAN-CANNING INDUSTRIAL SURVEY FINAL REPORT, IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS

264. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) How many recommendations were made in the Swan-Canning Industrial Survey Final Report of August 2000?
 - (2) How many of those recommendations have been implemented and which ones are they?
 - (3) The survey found that 19% of industrial premises surveyed discharged wastewater to groundwater via soakage, which companies were these and which ones have since implemented methods to reduce risks of groundwater contamination?
 - (4) The survey found that 16% of industrial premises surveyed disposed industrial effluent to stormwater drains, which companies were these and which ones have since implemented methods to reduce risks of water contamination?
 - (5) How many industries surveyed discharged wastewater to the sewer system and which ones were they?
 - (6) How many of the industries did not have a spill management plan at the time of the survey and how many still do not have one at the current time?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Swan-Canning Industrial Survey Final Report contains five recommendations.
- (2) The recommendations provide a framework for progressively improving the environmental management standards of light industry and small businesses in the Perth area. Implementation is therefore an ongoing process and includes:

Continuing work of the Swan-Canning Industry Working Group – by state agencies, local government, community and industry groups.

Trial delegation of Environmental Protection Act pollution control powers and drafting of Unauthorised Discharge Regulations to support local government management.

Simplification of pollution control through the establishment of the Department of Environment, Water and Catchment Protection.

The provision of training in cleaner production and pollution prevention to local government Environmental Health Officers.

Development and trialing by the Curtin University Centre for Excellence in Cleaner Production of cleaner production and pollution prevention training for small businesses.

Development of a simple generic environmental management system for Swan River yacht clubs and marinas.

Provision of information on waste management and pollution control to businesses.

The development of Industry Awards such as the Clean Water Award.
- (3) The survey involved a sample of businesses to assess the general standards of environmental management and pollution risk.
- (4) As the survey was not intended to be a complete inventory of businesses, it would be inappropriate to identify the individual businesses that agreed to participate in the survey. Information on changed practices in these industrial premises is not available because the survey has not been repeated.
- (5) As stated, the survey was not a complete inventory of businesses. However of the premises surveyed, 15% discharged wastewater to the sewer system.
- (6) Of the premises surveyed, 82% did not have a spill management plan at the time of the survey.