

PREMIER COAL — WATER DISCHARGE

181. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (Licence L5094/1987/14) relating to the discharge of water from Premier Coal Limited's (Yancoal) property, and I ask, over the licence period October 2011 to 2012:

- (a) How many tonnes of salt were discharged into the east branch of the Collie River by Premier Coal Limited;
- (b) On how many occasions over the licence period did Premier Coal exceed the salinity limit of the licence; and
- (c) What quantity of water, if any, was discharged from void W05H into the surrounding environment?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The number of tonnes of salt discharged into the east branch of the Collie River by Premier Coal Limited is not required to be monitored or calculated by licence L5094/1987/14.
- (b) The salinity limit of the licence was not exceeded during the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. Premier Coal has not reported any exceedances of the salinity limit of the licence to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) since 1 July 2012. Monitoring data required as a condition of the licence for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 is required to be submitted to DEC by 30 September 2013, and will be assessed by the department at that time.
- (c) The quantity of water discharged from the W05H void to the surrounding environment is not required to be measured as a condition of L5094/1987/14, as the quantity of water discharged from the Premier Coal mine is managed under licence by the Department of Water.