

CONTAMINATED DRUMS, DISPOSAL

1502. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

- (1) Will the minister confirm that the contaminated shredded drums from the former Waste Control Pty Ltd site in Bellevue have been disposed of at the Shale Road landfill in Cardup?
- (2) On what dates were the shredded drums disposed of at the Cardup landfill?
- (3) Was this prior to the metals suite test results being received by the Department of Environmental Protection?
- (4) Is the consulting firm URS now testing the Waste Control site for polychlorinated biphenyls?
- (5)
 - (a) Were the shredded drums tested for PCB contamination?
 - (b) If no, why not?
 - (c) If yes, will the minister please table the results?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the following response -

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The shredded drums were disposed of on 1 May 2002.
- (3) Yes. However, the metals test results were available to the landfill operator. It is a condition of licence that the landfill operator have responsibility for confirming the acceptability of waste for disposal.
- (4) No. The tender process for further testing at the site will not be complete until October 2002.
- (5)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) The shredded drums were not tested for PCBs because there was no evidence of PCB contamination at the Bellevue site. However, the drums were tested for petroleum hydrocarbons; metals; benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylene - BTEX; polyaromatic hydrocarbons; and organochlorine pesticides.
 - (c) Not applicable.