

CONTAMINATED SITES ACT, PROCLAMATION

593. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) Has the Contaminated Sites Act come into effect yet?
- (2) If yes, when did this occur?
- (3) If no, why not?
- (4) Have the regulations for the Contaminated Sites Act been gazetted?
- (5) If yes, when did this occur?
- (6) If no, why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment provides the following reply -

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Before the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 can be proclaimed, supporting regulations will need to be gazetted. The contaminated sites regulations are currently being drafted by parliamentary counsel and the Department of Environment and are expected to be released in draft form for public comment within the next few weeks. After the closure of the public comment period, the regulations will be finalised and then gazetted.
- (4) No; see answer to (3).
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) See answer to (3).

How pleasant it is to have a nicely positioned question such as that from Hon Jim Scott. He is such an even-tempered man.