

WATER RESOURCES, CONTAMINATED BORE WATER IN BALCATT

577. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

Further to question on notice No. 398 of February 19 2002 on the contaminated bore water in Balcatta -

(1) Has the Department now identified the source of the -

(a) arsenic contamination; and

(b) heavy metal contamination?

(2) If so, what was the source(s) of the contaminants?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

1. No. I refer to a report entitled 'Investigation of Soil and Groundwater Acidity, Stirling' prepared by the Department of Environment, Water and Catchment Protection and tabled in Parliament by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on Wednesday 10 April 2002. This report does not identify the source of groundwater contamination, but it does indicate that acid leaching of arsenic and heavy metals from natural soil and peat deposits may have contributed to groundwater levels.
2. Not applicable.