

MOVEMENT OF CONTROLLED WASTE, NATIONAL AGREEMENT

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

- (1) Is the Western Australian Government a signatory to the National Environment Protection Measure for the Movement of Controlled Waste between the States and Territories?
- (2) If no, why not?
- (3) If yes -
 - (a) Is the minister aware that, under schedule B of this NEPM, the interstate movement of waste requires detailed identification and recording?
 - (b) If yes, will the minister provide the details that are required under this schedule - including parts 1-3 - of the chemical waste transported from Waste Control Pty Ltd in September 1999 to Victoria as a result of the previous Government's injection of \$100 000 to clean up the company's chemical spill?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes. Western Australia, like all other States and Territories, is a signatory to the National Environment Protection Measure for the Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories. The Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2001 enable this NEPM to be enforced in Western Australia.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3)
 - (a) The minister has been advised by the Department of Environmental Protection that the requirements of schedule B are incorporated in the consignment authorisation form. This is a generic document used by all States, with some modification for local needs. The subsequent consignment authorisation is issued by the State or Territory of destination.
 - (b) The documents requested cannot be supplied at this time as Victoria was the State of destination. A request has been made to Victoria for this documentation and it will be supplied to the member by the Department of Environmental Protection when available.