

SWAN COASTAL PLAIN WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY, FINALISATION

1952. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Did the Government promise to finalise the Swan Coastal Plain Wetlands Environmental Protection Policy?
- (2) Has this promise been honoured?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), when was the policy gazetted?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) Yes, as part of its environmental platform.
- (2-3) I remitted the Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in October 2003 for further advice. I understand the EPA is preparing a draft EPP, which will be released shortly for public comment. Following the analysis of submissions on the EPP, the EPA would prepare a revised draft EPP and report, and transmit these to me under Section 28 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. I would endeavour to finalise the EPP after consultation on that revised draft.
- (4) Not applicable.