

KWINANA INDUSTRIES, EMISSION SCRUBBING DEVICES, BYPASS INCIDENTS

133. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) In the last three years to September 17 2002 how many industrial facilities on the Kwinana industrial strip bypassed their emission scrubbing devices?
 - (2) Will the Minister please identify which industrial facilities reported bypass incidents and the dates which the emission bypass situations occurred?
 - (3) Will the Minister table the reasons given by each company for each of these bypass incidents?
 - (4) Were emission monitoring tests conducted during any of the bypass incidents to determine the pollution concentrations leaving the stacks of the industrial facilities?
 - (5) If yes, what were the measured pollution concentrations?
 - (6) Has any assessment been made of the environmental or public health risks presented by the emissions of any of these industrial facilities during bypass incidents?
 - (7) If so, will the Minister table the assessments?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates approximately 225 industrial premises in the Kwinana-Peel region, with many premises having multiple scrubbing devices.

The DEP has advised that it would take a significant amount of time to provide the details requested by the Hon Member for the three year period.

However, should the Hon Member have a question about specific industrial premises or alleged bypass events, the DEP would be able to provide this information.
- (2)-(7) Answered by question (1).