

COCKBURN SOUND, UNLICENSED DISCHARGES

171. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

According to the discharge amounts reported in the State of Cockburn Sound report Tiwest discharged 2400 kg of aluminium into Cockburn Sound in the year 2000. According to discharge licences supplied in response to Questions on Notice 1711 of April 2000 and 770 of October 1999, Tiwest was only licensed to discharge 146 kg and 748 kg of aluminium for the whole or part of the respective years 1999 and 2000 -

- (1) What action did the DEP take over this unlicensed discharge into Cockburn Sound?
- (2) Will the Minister please table any correspondence between the DEP and the Minister for the Environment on Tiwest's unlicensed discharges into Cockburn Sound?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection did not take any action as there was no 'unlicensed discharge' from the Tiwest operation.

Discharge amounts cannot be compared to the figures of 146kgs and 748kgs, which are only estimated amounts for the purposes of calculating licence fees. Fees for the next licensing period will be based on last years actual discharge figures.
- (2) There is no correspondence between DEP and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage relating to Tiwest unlicensed discharges into Cockburn Sound given the answer to (1).