

WASTE CONTROL PTY LTD, BELLEVUE

617. Hon Jim Scott to the Attorney General representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) Does Waste Control Pty Ltd, in Bellevue, handle, recycle, process or store in any way, halogenated aromatic hydrocarbons or PCBs?
- (2) If yes, when was Waste Control Pty Ltd issued a license to handle these two substances?
- (3) Does Waste Control Pty Ltd, emit any substance to air, water or soil during the handling, processing or storage of any goods or materials at its Bellevue premises?
- (4) If so, would the Minister for the Environment provide details?
- (5) Is Waste Control Pty Ltd currently licensed by the DEP?
- (6) If so, will the Minister table a copy of this licence?
- (7) When was Waste Control Pty Ltd originally established in Bellevue and for what purpose?
- (8) With regard to the section 73 order served on the company in September 1999, will the Minister provide details of the type and amount of materials removed and the location to which they were taken?
- (9) How were these materials stored or disposed?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) No. However, Waste Control Pty Ltd, now trading as Hazardous Waste Solutions, does receive, store, and process the halogenated dry cleaning solvent perchlorethylene and occasionally the solvent trichloroethylene. No PCBs are handled at the Bellevue site.
- (2) A licence under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 was first issued for the site in January 1990 for the operation of a chemical works. The plant is currently licensed for chemical or oil recycling and as a waste treatment facility.
- (3-4) The Bellevue site is not licensed for discharges of waste to the environment. However, there may be some small fugitive emissions of solvent vapours during normal plant operations.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) [See paper No 601.]
- (7) The site was originally licensed to a company called Austech (Australia) Pty Ltd for the purposes of solvent recycling. Waste Control Pty Ltd took over management of the plant in 1993.
- (8) Materials removed from the Bellevue site in 1999 with regard to the section 73 direction consisted of 1,000 200-litre drums of solvent-bearing sludges and solvents, mainly ethanol. The drums were taken to Teris (Aust.) Pty Ltd's premises in Victoria.
- (9) The materials were re-drummed and transported in containers by rail to Victoria for fuel blending prior to combustion in a cement kiln.