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Hon Ken Travers; Hon James Chown

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — SITES REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

- 1762. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:
- (1) Please provide a list of addresses for each of the 94 Public Transport controlled sites reported to the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER)?
- (2) For each site in (1), please provide the following:
 - (a) what is the nature of the contamination;
 - (b) what classification has it been allocated by DER;
 - (c) what monitoring occurs at the site and how often is it undertaken;
 - (d) what investigation work has been undertaken at the site and when did it occur;
 - (e) what investigation work will be undertaken at the site and when will it occur;
 - (f) what remediation work has been undertaken at the site and when did it occur;
 - (g) what remediation work will be undertaken at the site and when will it occur;
 - (h) how much has been spent at the site on monitoring, investigation or remediation work; and
 - (i) how much is budgeted for monitoring, investigation work or remediation work at the site and what work will this fund?
- (3) Does the Perth Transport Authority own or manage any land that is contaminated, or may be contaminated, that has not been reported to the DER?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister table a list of those sites?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

(1)–(4) To answer the question to the level of detail outlined by the Member would require the Public Transport Authority (PTA) to divert a substantial amount of resources away from its operational commitments.

When the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 was introduced in 2006, the PTA undertook a full review to identify and report contaminated or suspected contaminated sites to the Department of Environment and Conservation, now the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) is meeting its obligations under AASB 137 and the Accounting Policy Guideline 1 — Accounting for Contaminated Sites, issued by the Department of Treasury on the 26 July 2011.

The PTA had 94 contaminated sites as of 30 June 2014. Most of the PTA's contaminated sites have been classified as "potentially contaminated — investigation required" or have been reported to the DER but not yet classified.

The PTA has an annual budget for the investigation, remediation and monitoring of contaminated sites with \$4.2 million spent in 2013–14. The PTA has reported all of its known contaminated sites to the DER.