

MOVEMENT OF CONTROLLED WASTE TO VICTORIA

1519. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

I refer to question on notice 899 asked on 11 December 2001 regarding the movement of controlled waste from the former site of Waste Control Pty Ltd to Victoria.

- (1) Has the Environmental Protection Authority of Victoria provided to the Department of Environmental Protection the requested information?
 - (a) If yes, will the minister table the documentation?
 - (b) If no, when will the minister table the information?
 - (c) When was the information provided?
- (2) Which DEP department, section and officer supervised the transfer of the drums of chemicals to Victoria?
- (3) Has the Economics and Industry Standing Committee been provided with information regarding which chemical drums were given priority for removal and the criteria used to determine the priority level?
 - (a) Will the minister provide this information?
- (4) Did the DEP maintain accurate records of the type, quantity and condition of the drums that were removed from Waste Control? Will the minister please table these reports and records.

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) No.
 - (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) The DEP has requested this information from the Victorian EPA. It is expected that it will be received shortly and will be tabled as soon as possible after it is received.
 - (c) Not applicable.
- (2) The then assistant director of the pollution prevention division of the DEP supervised the transfer. However, responsibility for arranging approvals for transport of waste consignments rested with Teris Australia Pty Ltd.
- (3) The minister has been advised that the Department of Environmental Protection has provided information to the standing committee on this matter.
 - (a) No, the standing committee is expected to table its report in Parliament shortly. The advice that was formally requested from the DEP by the committee is subject to the protocols of the standing committee. However, the minister is happy to provide the required information after the standing committee has tabled its report.
- (4) The DEP did not maintain records of the type and condition of drums removed from Waste Control because that was not relevant to the objectives set for the exercise. The DEP tracked the quantity of drums removed via invoices sent by Teris Australia.