

MINES AND PETROLEUM — USED TYRES — ON-SITE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

5797. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the practice of disposing of or storing used tyres on mining sites by burying them on-site, and I ask:

- (a) which mining companies operating within the Collie region hold licences which allow them to dispose of, or store used tyres by burying them on-site, and what are the requirements for the storage and disposal of tyres using this method;
- (b) what ongoing monitoring requirements are the company operating the mine site subject to for tyres disposed or stored using this method; and
- (c) what limits are in place for the amount of disposed or stored tyre material allowed to be buried within a given area of land, and which entity monitors this requirement?

Mr S.K. L'Estrange replied:

- (a) The Department of Mines and Petroleum does not issue licences for companies to dispose of or store used tyres on mine sites. The Department of Environment Regulation regulates this type of waste management. This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment.
- (b) See response to (a).
- (c) See response to (a).