

GRAHAM FARMER FREEWAY TUNNEL, AIR QUALITY TESTS

275. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Has MRWA conducted air quality tests for air pollutants around the portals of the Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel?
 - (2) If yes, what were the levels for the air pollutants monitored and on what dates did the monitoring take place?
 - (3) Has MRWA conducted air quality tests for air pollutants around the exhaust stacks of the Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel?
 - (4) If yes, what were the levels for the air pollutants monitored and on what dates did the monitoring take place?
 - (5) Will the Minister please table any air monitoring results or studies around the Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel portals or exhaust stacks?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

- (1) Monitoring of air quality near the Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel has been carried out by consultants for the tunnel operators, Boulderstone Clough Joint Venture (BCJV), but not directly adjacent to the tunnel portals.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) BCJV's consultants have measured air pollutants adjacent to the eastern exhaust stack that is located close to the eastern tunnel portals.
- (4) BCJV provided reports on the air quality monitoring to Main Roads WA and Department of Environmental Protection as part of its contractual arrangements with Main Roads WA. Those reports indicate that in a two month period immediately prior to the tunnel opening in April 2000 and in subsequent regular monitoring, the concentrations of oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, ozone and fine particles were well below the National Environmental Protection Measure standards, except for one day when readings were affected by a regional dust storm.
- (5) Yes.