

WASTE, DISCHARGE INTO MARINE ENVIRONMENT

**Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

- (1) How many private industrial facilities in Western Australia are licensed by the Department of Environment, Water and Catchment Protection to discharge waste into the marine environment?
- (2) Please list these facilities.
- (3) How many departmental or agency-controlled facilities are licensed by DEWCP to discharge waste into the marine environment?
- (4) Is the DEP aware of any contaminated sites in Western Australia that are discharging contaminants through run off, leaching, spillage or ground water plume to the marine environment?
- (5) If yes, how many?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the follow response -

- (1)-(3) The Department of Environmental Protection has advised that this information is unable to be provided at this time. The DEP will examine this issue and provide the information as soon as it can. I therefore request the member place these parts of the question on notice.
- (4) The Department of Environmental Protection is aware of around 700 sites in Western Australia that are or have been contaminated. However, due to the current voluntary nature of reporting sites to the DEP, this list is not completed. Once the contaminated sites legislation is enacted, a full database of all known contaminated sites will be publicly available. I suggest that, in the interests of receiving full and up-to-date information, the member postpone his request until the contaminated sites database is in operation.