

KWINANA MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX, CONTAMINANTS IN TAILING DAMS

668. Hon Jim Scott to the Attorney General representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) Will the Minister for the Environment name the studies carried out to identify the level of contaminants present in the Alcoa residue red mud tailing dams stored at the proposed Kwinana Motorplex site?
- (2) What contaminants were found to be present by the studies at the Alcoa residue red mud tailing dams at the proposed Kwinana Motorplex site?
- (3) Will the Minister table these studies?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Do the levels of contaminants found at the Alcoa residue red mud tailing dams at the proposed Kwinana Motorplex site meet the NEPM guidelines set for the proposed use of such a site?
- (6) If so, what were the levels?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1 - 4) The portion of the residue storage areas being developed for the Motorplex was previously classified as a Mine Site under the Department of Minerals and Energy's Mine Safety Inspection Act and the residue disposal operations were subject to an Agreement Act administered by the Department of Resources Development. The characteristics of Alcoa's bauxite residue can be obtained from the 1993 Public Environmental Review titled Use of Bauxite Residue in the Peel-Harvey Coastal Plain Catchment prepared by Agriculture WA. This document is available in the Department of Environmental Protection's library.
- (5 - 6) The Motorplex site is being constructed partially over the residue storage areas and their associated embankment walls. Where disturbed during construction of the speedway, reinstatement of the 400mm thick impermeable clay liner and cap enclosing the residue will take place. As a result, there will be no exposure of the public to the residue material.