

SOUTH BEACH URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COCKBURN-FREMANTLE

625. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the South Beach Urban Development in Cockburn/Fremantle -

- (1) Has the landfilling carried out to date on the site covered any groundwater monitoring bores?
- (2) If yes, how many?
- (3) When was the last time these bores were used to monitor groundwater contamination?
- (4) If the groundwater monitoring bores are no longer needed will the Minister table the reasons why they are no longer needed?
- (5) If the groundwater monitoring bores are no longer needed will the Minister table all correspondence between the -
 - (a) DEP and the developer;
 - (b) WRC and the developer; and
 - (c) DEP and the WRC,on why the monitoring bores are no longer required?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the following response:

- (1) I assume your question relates to the former Wesfarmers Woolstore site, which forms part of the South Beach Urban Development.

Yes. Filling has occurred in the north-eastern corner, where a monitoring bore associated with the monitoring program for South Fremantle landfill is located.
- (2) Three.
- (3) The latest results, from September 2001, indicate that the minor concentrations of hydrocarbons were detected. During the most recent monitoring round submitted to the DEP in October 2001, one bore was dry and could not be sampled.
- (4) The groundwater monitoring bore is still required as part of the on-going groundwater monitoring program associated with the South Fremantle landfill conducted by the City of Fremantle. One bore will be replaced, following completion of the backfilling of the site. This is common practice, where sites are proposed to be redeveloped, but ongoing monitoring of that, or adjacent properties are still required.
- (5) Not applicable.