

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, LICENCES TO DISCHARGE WASTE INTO MARINE ENVIRONMENT

1056. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

Further to question on notice No. 694 of May 6 2003 -

- (1) For each of the industrial facilities in Western Australia that are licensed to discharge waste into the marine environment, what substances and what quantities is each facility permitted to discharge into the environment?
- (2) What industrial facilities are licensed to discharge waste into either the Swan or Canning River systems?
- (3) Of those industrial facilities that are licensed to discharge waste into either the Swan or Canning River systems, what substances and what quantities is each facility permitted to discharge into the river environment?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) There are a number of facilities that are licensed to discharge substances to the marine environment, and the substances and quantities involved differ for each facility. Given the diversity of substances involved, I have organised for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide you with a list of substances and quantities for each premise in due course.
- (2) There are many licensed facilities that discharge into either the Swan or Canning River systems and I have organised for the DEP to provide you with the information in due course.
- (3) Similar to discharges to the marine environment, there is a wide range of substances and quantities discharged into the Swan or Canning River systems, which vary from facility to facility, and from year to year. It will take some time to compile this information, and I have requested that the DEP provide you with this information in due course.