

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, LICENCES TO DISCHARGE WASTE INTO MARINE ENVIRONMENT

1315. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

Further to question on notice No. 1056, submitted on August 12 2003 and partially answered on September 4 2003 -

- (1) Will the Minister now table information on the industrial facilities that are licensed to discharge waste into either the Swan or Canning River systems and what substances and what quantities each facility is permitted to discharge into the river environment?
- (2) Is the delay in tabling this information part of the Government's commitment to open and accountable Government?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) The information is not yet ready to be tabled. The Department of Environment has advised me that the information you have asked for will be collated by 14 November 2003 and I will then forward this directly to you.
- (2) No. The delay in producing the information is due to the large numbers of premises potentially involved, the in-depth research required by Department of Environment officers and the complexity in collating the information accurately.