

ALCOA, WAGERUP ALUMINA PLANT OUTPUT EXPANSION

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

- (1) Is the minister aware that Alcoa is still seeking approval to expand the output of the Wagerup alumina plant?
- (2) Has the Department of Environmental Protection or the minister given in-principle approval to the expansion?
- (3) Does the minister know whether in-principle approval has been given by any other minister or by Cabinet?
- (4) If no such approval has been granted, will the minister inform the House if expansion discussions with Alcoa have taken place; and, if so, what is the outcome of those discussions?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) I am aware that Alcoa would like to expand production at the Wagerup alumina plant. However, no formal application has been submitted.
- (2) No.
- (3)-(4) It is against convention to disclose information relating to the deliberations of Cabinet. Any proposed expansion will require full environmental approval.