

WASTE STREAM MANAGEMENT SITE, KWINANA, CLASS-5 WASTE

1176. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

I place no blame on the National Party for this.

- (1) What type of bunding is used to retain class-5 waste at the Waste Stream Management site in Kwinana?
- (2) Who inspected and approved the site for class-5 waste storage?
- (3) How long has the class-5 waste from Vela-Luka Park been stored at the Waste Stream Management site, and what sorting of that waste has been carried out?
- (4) Who is responsible for the handling and disposal of this waste?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has been advised by the Department of Environmental Protection that the material is stored beneath two layers of 200-micrometre tarpaulins on a limestone hardstanding, which overlays a clay capping structure that in turn overlays a disused landfill disposal cell. The waste is stockpiled in an area backed to the west by concrete and earthened bunds that extend at least one metre above the stockpile. An earthen bund at least 0.2 metres high encircles the stockpile to the east.
- (2) Prior to selecting Waste Stream Management for the storage of the waste, an officer from the Department of Environmental Protection inspected the site. The Department of Environmental Protection also requested a specialist consultant's review of the way in which the waste was stored. The consultant reported that the nature of the contaminants meant that there would be little or no likelihood of any contaminants polluting the soil of the landfill site, let alone causing off-site pollution.
- (3) The Vela-Luka Park waste was delivered to Waste Stream Management in December 1999. Prior to delivery, the contaminated material was sampled and, under the applicable waste classification criteria, was determined to be class-V material. The waste is being repackaged into bulka bags for transport off site to an appropriate treatment facility. The process of repacking and treatment of the waste was instigated well before media coverage commenced. It is expected that the waste will be moved off site by the end of June 2002.
- (4) The Department of Environmental Protection, as proponent for the remediation of the Vela-Luka Park site, is responsible for the disposal of this waste.