

WASTE CONTROL PTY LTD SITE AT BELLEVUE, AIR MONITORING

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

In relation to the treatment of toxic drums at the Waste Control Pty Ltd fires site in Bellevue -

- (1) Is Cleanaway Technical Services and/or the Department of Environmental Protection carrying out air monitoring at the site?
- (2) When did the air monitoring commence?
- (3) Is air monitoring being done to ensure the protection of public health during the clean-up treatment process?
- (4) In *The Midland-Kalamunda Reporter* of 7 August 2001, the Department of Environmental Protection environmental regulation director refers to extensive data collected at the site. Will the minister please table the data from the air monitoring that has been carried out to date?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Air monitoring commenced on 5 July 2001.
- (3) The air monitoring is being done to confirm that the drum shredding operation does not pose a threat to public health and to provide real time feedback on high concentrations of airborne dust and organic vapours.
- (4) On behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, I table information on air quality obtained from Department of Environmental Protection monitoring using Summa Investment Corporation canisters, and from Cleanaway Technical Services' monitoring of wind, dust and organic vapours.

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