

ALCOA WAGERUP REFINERY EXPANSION, JOBS

309. Hon JIM SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for State Development:

With regard to the minister's public statement that the proposed Wagerup refinery expansion will create 3 000 direct and indirect jobs, will the minister explain to the House -

- (1) How many direct jobs will be created?
- (2) Exactly what types of jobs is the minister referring to?
- (3) What model did the minister use to quantify the indirect jobs to be created by the expansion?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am advised -

- (1) About 150 new direct jobs will be created at the refinery and mine site. Currently, 900 people are employed at the Wagerup refinery and Willowdale mine, 40 per cent of whom live in the town surrounding the refinery. One thousand peak construction jobs will be created at the refinery.
- (2) The 3 000 direct and indirect jobs created include the 150 new direct jobs at the refinery-mine site and a wide range of jobs in the community including professional, skilled and unskilled positions. However, the breakdown of the particular types of jobs has not been provided. The 3 000 jobs result from the increase in economic activity associated with the expanded capacity of the Wagerup refinery.
- (3) The modelling was undertaken on Alcoa's behalf by ACIL Tasman Pty Ltd and it used a combination of the prime model, the Monash model and input, output analysis.