

PERTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN, ANNUAL REVIEW

1951. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- (1) Is the minister aware of the commitment on page 73 of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan that the plan will be reviewed annually with a report of progress being submitted to the Minister for the Environment?
 - (2) Will the minister provide copies of the annual progress reports for 2001, 2002 and 2003?
 - (3) If not, why not?
 - (4) Has the Air Quality Coordinating Committee met regularly to review progress with the implementation of the Perth Air Quality management Plan?
 - (5) On how many occasions did the Air Quality Coordinating Committee meet in each of 2001, 2002 and 2003?
 - (6) On how many occasions has the Air Quality Coordinating Committee met in 2004?
 - (7) Who are the current members of the Air Quality Coordinating Committee?
 - (8) Who is the chair of this committee and who is the executive officer?
 - (9) How many staff does the Department of Environment have working on the implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan?
 - (10) Why has there been such an exodus of senior staff from this branch of the department?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Annual progress reporting commenced following the release of implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan (June 2002). The first annual progress report included programs commenced prior to June 2002 (Progress Report to June 2002) - Attachment 1. A progress report for July 2002 to June 2003 (Progress Report to June 2003) has been released - Attachment 2. I now seek leave to table these reports. [See paper No 2225.]
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The Air Quality Coordinating Committee (ACCC) met twice in 2001 (28 February 2001 and 14 December 2001), twice in 2002 (19 April 2002 and 6 November 2002) and three times in 2003 (11 August 2003; 22 September 2003 and 3 November 2003).
- (6) A meeting was held on 17 May 2004. Three future meetings have been scheduled for the remainder of 2004.
- (7) The current members of the ACCC are: Fred Tromp (Department of Environment); Mark Feldwick (Department of Health); Shelley Liddelow (Sustainable Energy Development Office); Rick Sneeuwjagt (Department of Conservation and Land Management); Anthony Mee (Department of Housing and Works); Robert Griffiths (Department for Planning and Infrastructure); Mary Askey (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA); Chad Bishop (BP Refinery Kwinana); Mike Upton (Royal Automobile Club of WA); Sue Graham-Taylor and Prof. Philip Jennings (Conservation Council of WA); and Nathan Malin (WA Local Government Association).
- (8) The current chair of the Air Quality Coordinating Committee is Fred Tromp (Department of Environment). There is currently no Executive Officer assigned to the AQCC. The project team within the Air Quality Management Branch of the Department of Environment has provided administrative support to the AQCC.
- (9) There are six full-time employees and two short-term contract positions.
- (10) Staffing levels have been maintained within this Branch.