

FREMANTLE PORT AUTHORITY, CYANIDE CONTAMINATION OF GRAIN SILOS RUBBLE

693. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What studies has the Fremantle Port Authority (FPA) carried out on cyanide, DDT, DDE or dieldrin contamination at the North Fremantle grain silos?
- (2) If any, will the Minister table them?
- (3) Has cyanide, DDT, DDE or dieldrin been detected in the grain silos?
- (4) If yes, how much?
- (5) Have any studies been carried out by the FPA on the impact of using cyanide contaminated rubble from the grain silos as breakwater fill?
- (6) If yes, will the Minister table them?
- (7) Did the FPA inform the Minister for Heritage of this cyanide contamination?
- (8) If so, when?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) The Fremantle Port Authority (FPA) has engaged environmental consultants to undertake an environmental survey of the North Fremantle grain silos and supplementary investigations based on the findings of the survey.
- (2) The FPA has offered the Hon Jim Scott access to the reports and a briefing of their findings.
- (3) Cyanide has been detected in the concrete of the grain silos.
- (4) The average cyanide concentration in the silos has been estimated at six mg/kg.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The FPA has offered the Hon Jim Scott access to the reports and a briefing of their findings.
- (7)-(8) Contamination associated with pesticide use on the site was identified in correspondence from Cooperative Bulk Handling, a copy of which was included in the FPA's submission to the Heritage Council. It is not known whether the Minister for Heritage was advised of this issue by the Heritage Council.