

ALCOA WAGERUP ALUMINA REFINERY, LICENCE CONDITIONS

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

- (1) Has the Alcoa Wagerup Alumina Refinery exceeded the production levels specified in its licence conditions?
- (2) Is the Department of Environmental Protection dealing with this by amending the licence conditions to allow increased production from 2.2 million tonnes per annum to 2.35 million tonnes per annum?
- (3) Has the DEP advertised this amendment?
- (4) How much time has the community been given to comment on or object to the proposed increase?
- (5) Is the licence undergoing a review to allow an increase to 3.3 million tonnes per annum and when will this review be completed?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has replied in the following terms -

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection has advised that Alcoa has not exceeded production levels.
- (2) The DEP amended the licence on 25 July 2001 to change the maximum throughput from 2.2 million tonnes per annum to 2.3 million tonnes per annum. The Minister for the Environment and Heritage is seeking further information concerning this matter.
- (3) Yes. The amendment was advertised in *The West Australian* on 30 July 2001.
- (4) Under section 102 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 any person who disagrees with an amendment to the specifications in a licence may, within 21 days of that amendment, lodge an appeal with the office of the appeals convenor.
- (5) No.