

- (2) The herbicide involved was Trifluralin. The amount spilt was approximately 110 litres. Of this, it was estimated that approximately 30 litres entered Wesfarmers' internal drainage system. A proportion of this, diluted with rainwater, entered the road drainage system.
- (3) Wesfarmers staff provided temporary bunding around the initial spill. When this was breached, Wesfarmers staff attempted to seal the on-site drains. They also provided absorbent material on the roadway. The Town of Bassendean and private contractors provided sand and labour to contain the liquid on the roadway. The herbicide suppliers assisted with the containment and recovery of the material. I am not aware of the payment arrangements for these actions.
- (4)-(5) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Water Resources, as the Water and Rivers Commission has investigated these components.

WESFARMERS, BASSENDEAN, CHEMICAL SPILL

572. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Labour Relations:

I refer the Minister for Labour Relations to the chemical spill that occurred at the Wesfarmers depot in Bassendean on or around June 8, 1999 -

- (1) Were health and safety regulations or rules breached due to this pesticide spill, and if so, which ones?
- (2) Did workers at the site have proper protective equipment and training to handle these pesticides?
- (3) What action has been taken to ensure that such a spill does not occur again and that public and workers' safety is maintained?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1)-(3) WorkSafe Western Australia did not attend, but is aware of the incident through its membership of the HAZMAT Emergency Advisory Team. From the briefing received it is not obvious that any safety and health regulations were breached.

BANKSIA FARM, MT CLAREMONT

577. Hon GIZ WATSON to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Lands:

In respect of public open space in Mt Claremont known as Banksia Farm -

- (1) Will the Minister for Lands table the financial agreement, including any amendments, between the Department of Land Management and the Town of Cambridge and the Kings Park Board on the sale of land, including Lot 87, Mt Claremont and the other two sections of land?
- (2) Will the Minister provide any information the Department of Land Management has regarding the flora and fauna of Lot 87, Mt Claremont and adjacent bushland?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) The financial agreement with the Town of Cambridge and the Kings Park Board was prepared by Treasury, not the Department of Land Administration.
- (2) DOLA will provide the member with what information it has on the flora and fauna of lot 87 and adjoining bushland. However, EPA System 6 recommendation 1947 covers Bold Park and the member may wish to seek further information from the Minister for the Environment.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

588. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Lands:

- (1) Have any of the Government agencies for which the Minister for Lands is responsible had contracts with, or made payments to, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in each of the following years -
 - (a) 1996/97;
 - (b) 1997/98; and
 - (c) 1998/99?
- (2) If yes, what was the nature of each of the contracts and what was/were the payments made?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

LandCorp

- (1)
 - (a) No.
 - (b)-(c) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) Not applicable..
 - (b) Subscription to Western Australian Economic Review \$120
 - (c) Industry Breakfast \$140

Department of Land Administration

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.

STEEP POINT, SHARK BAY, HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

603. Hon GIZ WATSON to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Lands:

With reference to a house being built at Steep Point, Shark Bay -

- (1) Is a house being built at Steep Point?
- (2) Is it the Government's intention to acquire the pastoral lease which includes Steep Point for the purpose of including it into a conservation reserve?
- (3) If yes, is the construction of a house at Steep Point appropriate in a future conservation reserve?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)-(3) These questions do not fall in my area of responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

HOMESWEST, ASBESTOS ROOF AT 29 BARKER STREET, BROOME

615. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Is the Minister for Housing aware of residents concerns that the asbestos roof at the Homeswest property at 29 Barker Street, Broome is in need of replacement?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that despite the constant repairs carried out on the roof at this property, the roof continues to leak during the wet season causing additional damage to walls and electrical works?
- (3) Is this 30 year old asbestos roof safe for residents?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that shire officers inspected this property in December 1997 and determined "the roofs are old and deteriorated and that a number leak, which indicates that they are damaged"?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the Shire of Broome requested that, under the *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992*, Homeswest, the owner of this property containing asbestos is required to remove any damaged asbestos and sought Homeswest's urgent attention to the matter?
- (6) Despite council's request, why has the roof not been replaced?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) Evidence to date indicates that the roof is sound and not in need of replacement.
- (2) Ongoing roof leaks to unit 7 have been attended to on several occasions. A roof leak is by nature difficult to detect and several visits may be required before the entry point is identified and the leak is fixed. A check of all roof leaks reported shows that they have occurred mainly when rain is excessively heavy.
- (3) The Ministry of Housing has obtained a comprehensive inspection and evaluation report on the roof from specialist consultants MPL Occupational and Environmental Solutions in 1998 confirming that the roof is safe.
- (4) Following the shire health inspector's report the roofs were inspected. As overhanging shrubs and creepers caused many of the leaks, these were immediately trimmed back away from the roofs.
- (5) My understanding is that the shire is satisfied with the work carried out by the ministry.
- (6) The roofing has not been replaced because it was found to be in good condition for its age. However, I have requested the ministry to monitor the situation on a six monthly basis and should it be considered necessary to replace the roof in the future it will be done in conjunction with the strata company and private owner.

MINING, OROYA TAILINGS FACILITY

625. Hon TOM HELM to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to question on notice number 686, November 26, 1998 and a letter dated December 13, 1998 departmental reference L 14/67 (71004) signed by Andrew Baker.

- (1) Can the Minister for the Environment state why "This surface water could not be construed to be an outbreak of groundwater or seepage"?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) There was no direct evidence to suggest that the Oroya tailings dam walls were leaking. Further, there had been