

the Bill. The increases are to be implemented as from the 1st October, 1974, and for motorcars, trucks, prime movers, and buses to be based on the power-weight system for vehicle licensing.

- (b) A separate charge of \$4 per vehicle, as a recording fee, will be levied as from the 1st October, 1974, for registration and renewal of motor vehicle licenses, these funds to be applied towards the cost of vehicle licensing administration.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Mr T. H. Jones.

House adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Legislative Council

Tuesday, the 27th August, 1974

The PRESIDENT (the Hon. A. F. Griffith) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

*Presentation to Governor:
Acknowledgment*

THE PRESIDENT: I have to announce that I have, in company with several members, waited on His Excellency the Governor and presented the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech agreed to by this House, and His Excellency has been pleased to make the following reply—

Mr President and honourable members of the Legislative Council: I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, and for your Address-in-Reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament.

SUPPLY BILL

Assent

Message from the Governor received and read notifying assent to the Bill.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Grants Commission: Applications

The Hon. H. W. GAYFER, to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Is he in a position to inform the House of—

(a) amounts applied for,

(b) reasons for the applications,

(c) amounts granted,

to and by the various shire councils in Western Australia from the Commonwealth Government through the agency of the Grants Commission?

- (2) Have those shires that have been refused consideration the right of appeal?
- (3) If the answer to (1) is "No", why is this the case?

The Hon. N. McNEILL replied:

- (1) (a) Applications for specific amounts were not required.
- (b) Copies of submissions by councils to the Grants Commission may be examined by the honourable member at the Department of Local Government.
- (c) The amounts granted to the various shire councils in Western Australia are as follows—

Region and Local Governing Body	Recommended Grant (\$)
REGION 1: ALBANY	
Albany Shire Council	45 000
Albany Town Council	90 000
Broomehill Shire Council	Nil
Cranbrook Shire Council	15 000
Denmark Shire Council	28 000
Gnowangerup Shire Council	47 000
Katanning Shire Council	33 000
Kent Shire Council	17 000
Kojonup Shire Council	25 000
Plantagenet Shire Council	42 000
Tambellup Shire Council	9 000
Woodanilling Shire Council	Nil
Total Region 1	351 000
REGION 2: BUNBURY	
Augusta-Margaret River Shire Council	34 000
Boyup Brook Shire Council	15 000
Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Council	28 000
Bunbury Town Council	Nil
Busselton Shire Council	34 000
Capel Shire Council	12 000
Collie Shire Council	62 000
Dardanup Shire Council	10 000
Donnybrook-Balingup Shire Council	27 000
Harvey Shire Council	20 000
Manjimup Shire Council	74 000
Nannup Shire Council	8 000
Waroona Shire Council	Nil
Total Region 2	324 000

Region and Local Governing Body	Recommended Grant (\$)
REGION 3: GERALDTON	
Carnamah Shire Council	15 000
Carnarvon Shire Council	77 000
Chapman Valley Shire Council	10 000
Coorow Shire Council	18 000
Cue Shire Council	10 000
Exmouth Shire Council	32 000
Geraldton Town Council	120 000
Greenough Shire Council	23 000
Irwin Shire Council	17 000
Meekatharra Shire Council	28 000
Mingenew Shire Council	15 000
Morawa Shire Council	34 000
Mount Magnet Shire Council	12 000
Mullewa Shire Council	33 000
Northampton Shire Council	46 000
Perenjori Shire Council	24 000
Sandstone Shire Council	6 000
Shark Bay Shire Council	6 000
Three Springs Shire Council	17 000
Upper Gascoyne Shire Council	9 000
Wiluna Shire Council	18 000
Yalgoo Shire Council	10 000

Total Region 3 580 000

REGION 4: KALGOORLIE

Boulder Shire Council	130 000
Coolgardie Shire Council	80 000
Dundas Shire Council	25 000
Esperance Shire Council	94 000
Kalgoorlie Town Council	105 000
Laverton Shire Council	24 000
Leonora Shire Council	23 000
Menzies Shire Council	12 000
Ravensthorpe Shire Council	23 000

Total Region 4 516 000

REGION 5: MERREDIN

Bruce Rock Shire Council	14 000
Kellerberrin Shire Council	9 000
Merredin Shire Council	32 000
Narembeen Shire Council	23 000
Nungarin Shire Council	7 000
Westonia Shire Council	8 000
Yilgarn Shire Council	43 000

Total Region 5 136 000

REGION 6: NARROGIN

Corrigin Shire Council	8 000
Cuballing Shire Council	Nil
Dumbleyung Shire Council	12 000
Kondinin Shire Council	23 000
Kulin Shire Council	17 000
Lake Grace Shire Council	42 000
Narrogin Town Council	30 000
Narrogin Shire Council	Nil
Pingelly Shire Council	11 000
Wagin Shire Council	13 000
Wandering Shire Council	Nil
West Arthur Shire Council	6 000
Wickepin Shire Council	10 000
Williams Shire Council	5 000

Total Region 6 177 000

Region and Local Governing Body	Recommended Grant (\$)
REGION 7: NORTHAM	
Beverley Shire Council	Nil
Brookton Shire Council	5 000
Cunderdin Shire Council	4 000
Dalwallinu Shire Council	27 000
Dowerin Shire Council	4 000
Goomalling Shire Council	Nil
Koorda Shire Council	10 000
Mukinbudin Shire Council	15 000
Northam Shire Council	11 000
Quairading Shire Council	9 000
Tammin Shire Council	6 000
Toodyay Shire Council	6 000
Wongan-Ballidu Shire Council	15 000
York Shire Council	Nil
Total Region 7	112 000

REGION 8: PERTH

Armadale-Kelmscott Shire Council	60 000
Bassendean Shire Council	50 000
Bayswater Shire Council	150 000
Belmont Shire Council	135 000
Boddington Shire Council	Nil
Canning Town Council	172 000
Chittering Shire Council	5 000
Claremont Town Council	22 000
Cockburn Town Council	110 000
Cottesloe Town Council	30 000
Dandaragan Shire Council	6 000
East Fremantle Town Council	27 000
Fremantle City Council	125 000
Gingin Shire Council	Nil
Gosnells Shire Council	120 000
Kalamunda Shire Council	82 000
Kwinana Shire Council	65 000
Mandurah Shire Council	22 000
Melville City Council	147 000
Moora Shire Council	Nil
Mosman Park Town Council	13 000
Mundaring Shire Council	44 000
Murray Shire Council	16 000
Peppermint Grove Shire Council	Nil
Perth City Council	Nil
Rockingham Shire Council	37 000
Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire Council	7 000
South Perth City Council	95 000
Stirling City Council	490 000
Swan Shire Council	110 000
Victoria Plains Shire Council	9 000
Wanneroo Shire Council	75 000
Total Region 8	2 224 000

REGION 9: PORT HEDLAND

East Pilbara Shire Council	64 000
Port Hedland Shire Council	145 000
Roebourne Shire Council	105 000
West Pilbara Shire Council	73 000

Total Region 9 387 000

Region and Local Governing Body	Recommended Grant (\$)
REGION 10: WYNDHAM	
Broome Shire Council	30 000
Halls Creek Shire Council	14 000
West Kimberley Shire Council	46 000
Wyndham-East Kimberley Shire Council	62 000
Total Region 10	152 000
TOTAL WESTERN AUS- TRALIA	\$4 959 000

(2) No.

(3) Answered by (1).

QUESTIONS (11): ON NOTICE

1. ERMOLENKO, MR GEORGI

Political Asylum: Union Action

The Hon. R. F. CLAUGHTON, to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that members of the Federated Clerks' Union, when they had an opportunity to vote on continuing the ban ordered by the union secretary to prevent the departure of the violinist Ermolenko, voted against the ban?
- (2) Will he ask the Premier to publicly dissociate the Government from the arbitrary action taken by the union secretary, especially as it was done without reference to the union membership?

The Hon. G. C. MacKINNON replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) I am not aware of any arbitrary action taken by the union secretary.

2. INTEREST RATES

Amendment of Money Lenders Act

The Hon. I. G. MEDCALF, to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Does the Government appreciate that as a result of the credit squeeze and consequent unprecedentedly high interest rates on loans, the provisions of the Money Lenders Act, which require persons lending at a rate in excess of 12½% to register as moneylenders, and absolutely forbid any loans in excess of 15%, are having the following effects in Western Australia—
 - (a) a number of prospectuses for debentures and other forms of borrowing have deliberately excluded Western Australia;
 - (b) finance companies borrowing money in Western Australia have diverted such funds to the Eastern States for lending purposes;

(c) as a result it is made extremely difficult for Western Australian borrowers to obtain funds whilst the loans are made to their counterparts in the Eastern States?

- (2) As the credit squeeze may last for some time, will the Government, in the interests of stimulating the Western Australian economy, introduce legislation to modify those provisions of the Money Lenders Act, particularly Sections 3 (definition of moneylender), 11A (maximum rate of interest) and 20A (advertising willingness to borrow money prohibited), which impose the restrictions referred to?
- (3) If the Government is concerned that a consequence of such legislation might be a rise in interest rates for persons who have already contracted to borrow at rates not exceeding those permitted by the Money Lenders Act, could not this situation be overcome by providing in the amending legislation—
 - (a) that the amendments will only apply to new loans negotiated after the date of the passing of the amendments; and/or
 - (b) that the amending legislation will be limited to a period of 12 months only unless Parliament agrees to its renewal?

The Hon. N. McNEILL replied:

- (1) (a) to (c) The suggestions made by the Hon. Member have been the subject of close examination and the Government is concerned that the availability of funds to Western Australia may be affected by the provisions of the Money Lenders Act.
The Government has a full appreciation of the position following numerous representations that have been made wherein it is claimed that the circumstances are such as the Hon. Member has described.
However, it is difficult to define the actual quantity of finance which may be so affected.
- (2) As a consequence of the unprecedented level of interest rates and the problems this is causing, consideration is being given to a review of the provisions of the Money Lenders Act.
- (3) The views of the Hon. Member are welcomed and consideration is being given to them.

3. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tendering: Ban

The Hon. D. W. COOLEY, to the Minister for Justice:

Will the Minister advise the House of the circumstances which prompted the Public Works Department to bar the firm of Hampson and Benton Pty. Ltd. of 172 Leach Highway, Melville, from tendering for Government work for a period of two years from the 1st July, 1974?

The Hon. N. McNEILL replied:

The firm of Hampson and Benton Pty. Ltd. was barred from tendering for two years as from 1st July, 1974, in consequence of its unsatisfactory performance and the excessive time taken to complete the contract for construction of a new dairy at the Mental Health Institution at Whitby Falls.

Following an appeal to the Hon. Minister for Works the period was reduced to one year as from 1st July, 1974.

4. ROCKINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Works Programme

The Hon. I. G. PRATT, to the Minister for Education:

Further to the reply to my question on the 7th August, 1974, regarding Rockingham High School—

- (1) As no extensions are scheduled for Rockingham High School in the current financial year, is it intended that demountable accommodation will be made available as a temporary measure?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is "Yes" is it intended that demountable rooms will be used for the teaching of science subjects?
- (3) If the answer to (2) is "Yes" will these rooms be suitably adapted and furnished to allow for the teaching of these specialised subjects?
- (4) Will the provision of such temporary accommodation prejudice this school's priority rating for new buildings in subsequent years?

The Hon. G. C. MacKINNON replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) There will be no need to use demountables for those science lessons which require laboratory facilities.
- (3) Answered by (1).
- (4) No.

5. STATE FORESTS

Commonwealth Financial Allocation

The Hon. V. J. FERRY, to the Minister for Health:

- (1) At what date does the present five year term terminate by which the Forests Department benefits from the Commonwealth Softwood Forestry Agreement Act?
- (2) How much money has been received by the Forests Department vide the provisions of the Commonwealth Softwood Forestry Agreement Act for the years ended the—
 - (a) 30th June, 1972;
 - (b) 30th June, 1973; and
 - (c) 30th June, 1974?
- (3) (a) Is there any assurance that funds from the Commonwealth will continue to be available beyond the present five year term; and
 - (b) if not, what will be the likely effect of softwood plantings in Western Australia?

The Hon. N. E. BAXTER replied:

- (1) 30th June, 1976.
- (2) (a) \$518 241.
(b) \$558 000.
(c) \$415 714.
- (3) (a) No assurance has been given. In August 1973 the Chairman of the Australian Forestry Council said he believed that it would be safe for the States to assume that the current programme would be supported for at least the term of another agreement commencing the 1st July, 1976. Subsequent developments give rise to grave doubts of extension beyond 30th June, 1976.
 - (b) Additional funds will be required from the State Loan Fund allocation or a reduction will be necessary in the area to be established each year.

6. PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Sherwood Court and Howard Street

The Hon. I. G. MEDCALF, to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Has the Minister for Police approved the installation of "Pelican" type light controlled pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of both Sherwood Court and Howard Street?
- (2) Have such crossings been approved by the Perth City Council?
- (3) If there is any delay in the installation of the crossings, what is the cause?

- (4) When is it anticipated that the crossings will be operating?

The Hon. N. E. BAXTER replied:

- (1) The Minister for Police is no longer the approving authority but the installations will be submitted to the Road Traffic Safety Authority when the necessary equipment is available.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The delay is the result of a protracted delay in the supply of specialised electrical equipment.
- (4) Alternative sources of supply are being investigated but no firm delivery dates are available to allow programming of installation.

7. PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

Pilot Programmes

The Hon. R. F. CLAUGHTON, to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that there are persistent rumours that the Government intends to commence pilot pre-school programmes in schools in the next school term?
- (2) In view of the very strong objections to this policy, will he give a firm assurance that no pilot schemes will commence this year, and that the public will be informed before any plans are implemented?

The Hon. G. C. MacKINNON replied:

- (1) Yes. I am also aware that the rumour is completely without foundation.
- (2) I wish to commend to Members the recommendation which my Advisory Committee submitted to me recently and which I released to the Press last week. I hope these recommendations receive the widest dissemination and discussion within the community. With this end in mind I have tabled copies of the Press release and the Committee's recommendations for the use of members. (Paper No. 176.)

Copies of Press release tabled (see paper No. 176).

8. STATE FORESTS

Superphosphate Bounty

The Hon. V. J. FERRY, to the Minister for Health:

- (1) What quantity of superphosphate was used by the Forests Department for afforestation, particularly for pines, for the year ended the 30th June, 1974?
- (2) What quantity of superphosphate is likely to be used for the year ending the 30th June, 1975?

- (3) Does superphosphate used for afforestation qualify for the present Federal Government bounty of \$12 per tonne as a primary industry?

The Hon. N. E. BAXTER replied:

- (1) 460 tonnes.
- (2) 832 tonnes.
- (3) Yes.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Traffic Control in Country Areas

The Hon. R. F. CLAUGHTON, to the Minister for Health:

Further to my question on Wednesday, the 14th August, 1974, regarding traffic control: country areas—

- (1) Would the Minister indicate a date by which this information is likely to be available?
- (2) As the information would be of interest to members generally, will the Minister ensure that it will be incorporated in *Hansard* when it becomes available?

The Hon. N. E. BAXTER replied:

- (1) No. Each Council controlling traffic will be requested to supply the information as early as possible.
- (2) Yes. When the information is collated.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Subiaco Development

The Hon. R. F. CLAUGHTON, to the Minister for Education:

Further to my question on the 31st July, 1974, regarding Lot 160 Onslow Road, Subiaco—

- (1) (a) Has the officer referred to in the Minister's answer made a report;
- (b) if so, what was the content of the report?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Subiaco Council advised the Local Government Department in 1970 that future applications for nonresidential uses would be refused in the area in which the above Lot 160 is located?
- (3) As the location of the proposed warehouse on this site may reduce the attractiveness of the area for residential purposes, will the Minister ascertain and advise why the Council gave its approval contrary to its earlier advice to the Local Government Department?

The Hon. G. C. MacKINNON replied:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) The report is tabled.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Answered in (1) (b). (Paper No. 177.)

The report was tabled (see paper No. 177).

11. UNDERGROUND WATER SUPPLIES

Contamination

The Hon. R. F. CLAUGHTON, to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Will the Minister advise if the Government has received a departmental report on contamination of underground water supplies from sanitary landfill in the metropolitan area?
- (2) (a) If the answer to (1) is "Yes" will he table the report;
- (b) if the reply to (1) is "No" will he advise when it is expected the report will be received?

The Hon. N. McNEILL replied:

- (1) and (2) Dr Fried has been commissioned by the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Board to undertake a study of the effect of a sanitary landfill on underground water supplies. Interim information has been supplied to the Board in the form of scientific data. A progress report is anticipated to be submitted by Dr Fried in late September.

BILLS (5): RECEIPT AND FIRST READING

1. Weights and Measures Act Amendment Bill.

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by the Hon. G. C. MacKinnon (Minister for Education), read a first time.

2. Official Prosecutions (Defendants' Costs) Act Amendment Bill.

3. Wheat Marketing Act Amendment and Continuance Bill.

4. Pay-roll Tax Act Amendment Bill.

Bills received from the Assembly; and, on motions by the Hon. N. McNeill (Minister for Justice), read a first time.

5. Daylight Saving Bill.

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by the Hon. G. C. MacKinnon (Minister for Education), read a first time.

AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Appointment of Delegates—Request for Council's Participation: Assembly's Message

Message from the Assembly received and read as follows—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to certain resolutions concerning the Parliament of this State continuing to participate in the Australian Constitutional Convention, transmits a copy of the resolutions for the information of the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Assembly requests that the Legislative Council will consider its continued participation in the Convention and appoint Members in accordance with the resolutions to act with the seven Members of this House who have been so appointed.

The Schedule.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia should by resolution declare its will in regard to the continued participation of the Parliament in the Australian Constitutional Convention and make such decisions consequent thereupon as may seem appropriate: Now, therefore, the Legislative Assembly resolves to continue to participate in the Australian Constitutional Convention and further resolves:—

1. That for the purposes of the Convention—

(a) the delegation from the Parliament of Western Australia should consist of twelve members of whom seven should be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five by the Legislative Council;

(b) the seven members appointed by the Legislative Assembly shall comprise two members from the Liberal Party, four members from the Australian Labor Party and one member from the Country Party; and

(c) the five members appointed by the Legislative Council shall comprise three members from the Liberal Party and two members from the Australian Labor Party.

2. That each appointed member of the delegation shall continue as an appointed member while a member of the Parliament of Western Australia unless—

(a) the House of Parliament by which he has been

appointed terminates his appointment;

or

- (b) he resigns as a member of the delegation by writing addressed to the President of the Legislative Council or the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, as the case requires.
3. That the seven members appointed by the Legislative Assembly shall be—
 - The Hon. Sir Charles Court
 - The Hon. D. H. O'Neil
 - The Hon. W. R. McPharlin
 - The Hon. J. T. Tonkin
 - The Hon. C. J. Jamieson
 - The Hon. A. D. Taylor
 - Mr R. E. Bertram.
 4. That the Hon. Sir Charles Court be Leader of the delegation, and the Hon. J. T. Tonkin be Deputy Leader.
 5. That where, because of illness or other cause, a member of the delegation is unable to attend a meeting of the Convention, or of a committee of the Convention or of a sub-committee or working party of such a committee, the Leader or senior available member of the party from which that member is drawn may appoint an alternate member, and the member so appointed shall be a member of the delegation for that meeting.
 6. That the Leader from time to time, make a report to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively of such information and matters arising out of the Convention as he thinks fit, and such report shall be laid on the Table of each House of Parliament.
 7. That the Leader and Deputy Leader of the delegation, or their respective nominees, be appointed to represent the delegation on the Convention's Executive Committee.
 8. That the Honourable the Minister for Justice be asked to provide such assistance to the delegation as it may require.
 9. That the Legislative Council be informed of this resolution and invited to continue its participation in the Convention on the basis outlined herein.

EVIDENCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Third Reading

THE HON. N. McNEILL (Lower West—Minister for Justice) [4.49 p.m.]: I move—

That the Bill be now read a third time.

During the second reading debate on this Bill the Leader of the Opposition raised two questions and I should now like to supply him with the appropriate information. Firstly, he inquired which of the other States had in fact already enacted legislation along these lines. I was not able to acquaint him fully with the situation at that stage because although I was aware that Victoria had enacted such legislation, I was of the opinion that certain other steps had been taken by other States. However, the situation is that Victoria is the only State that has enacted such legislation. I understand that although Tasmania is contemplating similar legislation, it may be in a position of waiting for other States to move. Therefore, it is quite appropriate that we should take the action we are taking at the moment.

I would like to convey to the House that the question of the enactment of similar legislation by the other States is to be considered at the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Attorneys-General to be held in October next. I hope to obtain some clarification at that meeting as to when the other States will move along those lines.

A further observation, rather than a question, was put forward by the Leader of the Opposition in the second reading debate, and that related to the scale of fees. He put up the case, and I think quite reasonably, that in the interests of uniformity consideration be given to providing for a scale of fees similar to those which are, or will be, prescribed in the other States. As I indicated at the time, it was certainly my belief—on further inquiry it is still my belief—that the aim is to try to achieve uniformity, although complete uniformity might not be possible.

As we, in Western Australia, fix the scale of fees by regulation, it is presumed the same will be done in the other States. Because of the situation of the courts in the other States, and other circumstances of which we might not be fully aware, complete uniformity might not be achieved; but certainly it is the aim to try to achieve uniformity. I hope this is the information which was sought by the Leader of the Opposition.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Assembly.

**REGISTRATION OF DEEDS
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
BILL**

Third Reading

THE HON. N. McNEILL (Lower West—Minister for Justice) [5.02 p.m.]: I move—

That the Bill be now read a third time.

I would like to point out that no queries or questions were raised by members during the second reading debate.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Assembly.

House adjourned at 5.03 p.m.

Legislative Assembly

Tuesday, the 27th August, 1974

The **SPEAKER** (Mr Hutchinson) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTIONS (24): ON NOTICE

1. POLICE

Patrol Officers: Overtime

Mr T. H. JONES, to the Minister for Police:

- (1) What was the total amount of overtime worked by police patrol personnel during the month of July?
- (2) How many men were involved, and what was the total wages cost?
- (3) Will he give consideration to the payment for overtime at shorter intervals than at present so that the rate of income tax deductions may be reduced and made more appropriate to the annual income of the man concerned?

Mr O'CONNOR replied:

- (1) 8 777 hours.
- (2) 985 men; \$31 578.
- (3) Yes, subject to the provisions of the Income Tax (Assessment) Act, which prescribes that deductions must be made at the appropriate rate at the time of payment.

2. TRAFFIC

Highway Patrol Legislation

Mr T. H. JONES, to the Minister for Traffic:

Will he advise when it is anticipated that the highway patrol Bill will be introduced into the Parliament?

Mr O'CONNOR replied:

A firm date has not been decided but it is expected the Bill will be introduced during the current session.

3. DEMOGRAPHIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Preliminary Report

Mr A. R. TONKIN, to the Minister for Conservation and Environment:

With reference to question 37 of 20th August relating to the demographic and environmental resources committee, will he table the preliminary report named in that answer?

Mr STEPHENS replied:

Yes.

The report was tabled (see paper No. 188).

4. TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Kwinana and Fremantle

Mr TAYLOR, to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) What courses is it intended to introduce in the opening years at the proposed Kwinana technical school?
- (2) How many students at present attending the Fremantle technical school in Lefroy Road have a home address in—
 - (a) the Shire of Kwinana; and
 - (b) the Shire of Rockingham?
- (3) How many of these students is it anticipated would be accommodated in such a technical school as is planned for Kwinana if that educational institution were at present receiving students?

Mr O'NEIL replied:

- (1) Trades, where the number of apprentices warrants such classes; commercial, business and general studies; and adult education.
- (2) (a) 263.
(b) 193.
- (3) Estimates of this sort are difficult to make but it is anticipated that a high proportion would attend.

5. HOUSING

Collie: Advertising of Contracts

Mr T. H. JONES, to the Minister for Electricity:

Further to his answer of 21st August, 1974 wherein he advised that the SEC considered that by