

BRICKWORKS IN CAVERSHAM - POLLUTION CONCERN

5579. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Will the Minister provide the results of the ambient air monitoring conducted as a condition of licence by Midland Brick and Australbrick Caversham during the dates of 26, 27 and 28 July 2007, when strong inversion layers caused highly visible pollution impacts in the Midland area?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Did the DEC receive any complaints at or around these dates?
- (4) Is the Department aware whether the brickworks received any complaints at or around these dates?
- (5) If yes to (3) or (4), please provide details of the complaints received.
- (6) In relation to the operations of Australbricks Malaga, has the DEC taken action to address the interference that the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System was and is having on the ability to obtain reliable stack emissions monitoring data as required under their licence and as referred to in past quarterly monitoring reports from this plant to the DEC?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Yes. [See paper 3536.]
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) On 28 July 2007, DEC received a complaint via email from a member of the public advising that visible plumes were leaving the Midland Brick stacks on the evening of 27 July 2007. The plumes were accompanied by brickworks odour. Midland Brick received the same complaint.
- (6) Yes, Australbrick took appropriate steps to rectify the problem when the matter was brought to its attention. The stack testing now complies with the Australian Standard.
- (7) Not applicable.