

WEDGE ISLAND — SHACKS — ASBESTOS

1292. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Parks and Wildlife licensed shacks at Wedge Island.

- (1) Has the Minister for Environment or his department received a report on the presence of asbestos in the shacks?
- (2) How many shacks are at Wedge Island and how many of those have asbestos?
- (3) Have members of the Wedge Island Protection Association been made aware of the report's findings?
- (4) What measures has DPaW taken to ensure there is no illegal dumping of asbestos from Wedge Island shacks?
- (5) Can the government provide an estimate of the cost of asbestos removal from the shacks and from Wedge Island?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes, the Department of Parks and Wildlife received an asbestos report on 12 November 2015.
- (2) There are 409 licensed shacks at Wedge and Grey involving 496 structures. A total of 490 structures were inspected externally. Asbestos-containing material was identified or suspected at 259 structures and in 11 of 17 shacks inspected internally. Details specific to Wedge will need to be provided as a question on notice.
- (3) No.
- (4) Illegal, dumping is managed through a combination of licence conditions and on-site enforcement by rangers.
- (5) A cost assessment is yet to be determined.