

AUSTRAL BRICKWORKS — LICENCES

5645. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

Further to question 797 of 20 September 2007 regarding the Austral Brickworks Licences Appeal, I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with Austral Brickworks' new monitoring methods and sites that he requested to be in place by 2 November 2007?
- (2) When were the new or amended licences issued by the Department?
- (3) What are the additional emission limits and targets for the all Austral Brickworks sites?
- (4) Please provide details on the Austral Caversham's pollution monitoring requirement?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Yes, the Minister is satisfied with Austral Brickworks' new monitoring methods and sites. The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has advised that construction of the new ambient monitoring sites for Caversham and Bellevue is well underway, and that the location of these sites and the methodology proposed are acceptable.
- (2) DEC issued licences for Austral Brickworks in Caversham, Bellevue, Malaga and Armadale on 29 June 2007. The licence for Austral Brickworks at Cardup was issued by DEC on 29 November 2007.
- (3) There were no additional emission limit or target conditions in the Austral Brickworks licences issued for Caversham, Bellevue, Malaga and Armadale on 29 June 2007. These licences were issued without change, pending DEC's finalisation of the new licences and Environmental Assessment Reports for these sites. Once this process has been completed, the new licences will include limit and target conditions for all Austral Brickworks sites.
- (4) The Austral Brickworks Caversham licence requires quarterly stack testing for hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen chloride, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides (expressed as the sum of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide), carbon monoxide, Volatile Organic Compounds and total particulates. Austral Brickworks is also required to continuously monitor ambient hydrogen fluoride at two locations near the brickworks site.