

PERTH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

2873. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan that was released and implemented by the former Court Coalition Government in 2000?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that this plan has been successful in protecting the quality of Perth's airshed over the past decade?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that this Plan was due for review after seven years of operation (in 2007)?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the Carpenter Government initiated this review in 2007 and that the review report was handed to the previous Minister in early 2008?
- (5) Why has the Minister failed to release or implement this report, more than two years after it was received?
- (6) Does the Minister plan to finalise and release this report; and
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if yes, when?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I am advised that the Minister is yet to receive the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) response to the five year review report of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan. The Minister will be able to comment on the success of the plan once she has considered the review.
- (3) A review of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan was required after five years of implementation, following the release of two implementation documents in 2002, the *Implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan — Detailed Supporting Document* and *Implementing the Perth Air Quality Management Plan — Summary Document*. The five year review was initiated in 2007.
- (4)-(5) DEC has advised that the review report was sent to the then Minister for the Environment in January 2008. The Minister requested in May 2008 that DEC draft a Government response to the report, however, this was not completed prior to the 2008 State election. Further revisions to the response report have since been made and the report is currently being finalised.
- (6) Yes.
 - (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) I have been advised that DEC expects to provide its response to the review report to the Minister for consideration by the end of June 2010.