

COCKBURN CEMENT LTD — DUST SAMPLING

Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Regarding current studies being undertaken in the residential areas close to Cockburn Cement Ltd by the Department of Health in conjunction with the Chemistry Centre and City of Cockburn health officers, will the minister publicly release the results of dust sampling and the advice about health impacts of the dust?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that he has requested the member for Cockburn to advise him and the Department of Health which families are suffering from health issues that they attribute to dust fallout from operations at Cockburn Cement?
- (3) Will the minister confirm that the Department of Health has received information from Fremantle Hospital confirming that there is a relationship between the health complaints of local Cockburn residents and dust from Cockburn Cement?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A member of the minister's staff has been in contact with staff of the office of the member for Cockburn seeking information on doctors who have been or are treating patients for health symptoms that may be related to emissions from Cockburn Cement facilities.
- (3) Fremantle Hospital has no record of providing any information to the Department of Health on this matter.