

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — ASBESTOS GUIDELINES

431. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) What are the Department of Health's guidelines and/or standards for exposure to asbestos?
- (2) What does the Department of Health regard as an acceptable level of asbestos exposure?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for notice of the question. The Minister for Health has provided the following reply —

- (1) The Department of Health has published "Guidelines for the Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos-Contaminated Sites in Western Australia". These guidelines are also being considered as a basis for national guidelines.
- (2) In contaminated sites the acceptable levels are 0.001 per cent, on a weight-for-weight basis, for free asbestos; and 0.01 per cent, on a weight-for-weight basis, for asbestos cement material in residential sites.