

AUSTRAL STREET, WILLIAMSTOWN — ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT

408. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the empty blocks of land on Austral Street, Williamstown, which are currently under assessment by the Department of Environment Regulation for asbestos contamination.

- (1) How many of the designated blocks on Austral Street were originally owned by Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines?
- (2) What designated blocks do KCGM still own and which blocks are now considered crown land?
- (3) Regarding (1), did the council carry out asbestos inspections of the original dwellings on these sites before they were demolished by KCGM?
- (4) If yes to (3), were asbestos regulations properly enforced and can the department explain the asbestos contamination on the sites in question?
- (5) If no to (3), given there is evidence of asbestos contamination at several of these sites, why not?
- (6) Aside from the block at 38 Austral Street, for which KCGM has claimed responsibility, will the minister name the four other blocks suspected of being contaminated with asbestos?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Please redirect these sections of the question to the Minister for Lands.
- (3)–(6) Please redirect these sections of the question to the Minister for Environment.