

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA — KALGOORLIE CORE LIBRARY

914. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the Geological Survey of Western Australia—administered core library in Kalgoorlie.

- (1) When was the library first established and for what purpose?
- (2) In each of the past three years how many staff have been located at the library and what positions did they hold?
- (3) How much of the state's drillcore is archived in Kalgoorlie?
- (4) Has a decision been made to send more drillcore to Perth; and, if so, when and why?
- (5) Will drillcore from the Musgrave Ranges be archived in Kalgoorlie; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, I advise —

- (1) The Kalgoorlie core library was opened in July 2000. Core libraries are established to provide resource companies, researchers and the public access to representative drillcore from mineral deposits, petroleum fields and deep stratigraphic drillholes.
- (2) For the last three years there have been two permanent staff—a core librarian and an assistant—at the Kalgoorlie core library. They are supplemented by casual employees on a needs basis.
- (3) Approximately 40 per cent of DMP's mineral drillcore is normally stored in Kalgoorlie.
- (4) Drillcore is regularly transported from Kalgoorlie to Perth for specialist studies.
- (5) Yes.