

ALCOA — REHABILITATION OBLIGATIONS

1046. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to ALCOA's activities in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) what obligations does ALCOA have to the clean-up and rehabilitation of their refinery sites once operation ceases;
- (b) what obligations does the State have to the clean-up and rehabilitation of these refinery sites once operation ceases;
- (c) has ALCOA lodged a closure and rehabilitation plan and costing for either of these refineries:
 - (i) if yes for either of these facilities, will the Minister please table those plans; and
- (d) has the State Government undertaken any estimation of the costs to rehabilitate these refinery sites:
 - (i) if yes for either, could the Minister please table these costs?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) Alcoa is required to comply with the conditions of the Ministerial Statements that have been issued under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. Some Ministerial Statements include conditions for rehabilitation and closure of the refineries and associated infrastructure.

The refineries that have Ministerial Statements which include conditions relating to rehabilitation and closure are:

Ministerial Statement 622 – covers the Pinjarra refinery and includes a requirement for a decommissioning plan for the cogeneration facility; and

Ministerial Statement 728 – covers the Wagerup refinery and includes a requirement for a decommissioning plan and closure strategy for the long-term bauxite residue infrastructure.

- (b) The State does not have obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for the clean-up and rehabilitation of the refinery sites.
- (c) Alcoa has lodged Preliminary Decommissioning Plans for the Wagerup and Pinjarra refineries in accordance with Ministerial Statement conditions. Alcoa has published the Long-Term Residue Management Strategy for the Wagerup refinery on its website. I am advised that closure costings are not required to be provided to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.
- (i) I table the Pinjarra Cogeneration plant Preliminary Decommissioning Plans (No. 2) for 2003 and 2006, and the Wagerup Refinery Preliminary Decommissioning Plan. [See tabled paper no [1877](#).]
- (d) No.
 - (i) Not applicable.