

PFAS CONTAMINATION

368. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the answer to my question without notice 293 and the known or suspected environmental contamination due to PFAS at a number of sites in WA.

- (1) Are the Serpentine and Samson Dams being tested for PFAS?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) how often does the testing occur;
 - (b) has PFAS contamination been detected; and, if so, in what concentration and on what date; and
 - (c) when was the last time each dam was tested?

Hon Sue Ellery: You've taken Hon Dr Steve Thomas's thunder; you know he loves PFAS!

The PRESIDENT: Order! Can we allow the honourable member to place his question before the house.

Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT: I thought I was making some kind of mistake, so I was just double-checking that I was not!

- (3) Are the rivers and dams in other catchments where bauxite mining is occurring being tested for PFAS?
- (4) If yes to (3) —
 - (a) how often does the testing occur; and
 - (b) has PFAS contamination been detected; and, if so, in what concentration and on what date?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Water.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) The Water Corporation tests water quality in dams in accordance with the Australian drinking water guidelines. PFAS sampling occurs on a quarterly basis and is reported to the Minister for Water.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) Serpentine and Samson Dams were last tested in March 2023 and there was no detection of PFAS.
- (3) PFAS sampling is undertaken in the dams, but not in the rivers or streams leading into the dams.
- (4)
 - (a) Quarterly.
 - (b) No.