

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY — PERTH OFFICE

346. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the announcement by the minister announcing the establishment of an office in Perth in response to recommendations from the Vogel-McFerran review.

- (1) How long is the lease on the office?
- (2) What is the annual cost of the lease?
- (3) What is the fit-out cost expected to be?
- (4) Will it be permanently staffed?
- (5) If yes to (4), how many FTE will be employed?
- (6) If yes to (4), from where will those FTE positions be transferred?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

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

On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The lease will run for five years, with two options of two years.
- (2) The annual cost will be \$173 394, exclusive of GST.
- (3) The fit-out will be provided by the landlord.
- (4) Staff from Environmental Protection Authority services will work from the CBD office on an “as needs” basis, which will be dependent on the engagement requirements of proponents and stakeholders. The EPA board will conduct a majority of its board meetings and proponent engagement at the new CBD office.
- (5)–(6) Not applicable.