

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK — SOIL CONTAMINATION

1152. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

That previous answer was almost given with a straight face, President.

I refer to question without notice 1083 asked on 14 October 2020 and question without notice 182 asked on 27 May 2021.

- (1) As at 14 November 2022, what is the current volume of spoil extracted from the Forrestfield–Airport Link project and stockpiled at 777 Abernethy Road, Forrestfield?
- (2) Has any of the 110 000 cubic metres of spoil stockpiled at Perth Airport now been re-used; and, if so, where?
- (3) How long can the government store FAL spoil on temporary sites before it is considered a waste?
- (4) How much of the stockpiled soil from the FAL is contaminated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and at what concentrations?
- (5) What contamination oversight and testing regime has the government applied to monitor stockpiled spoil from the FAL project?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Leader of the House, who provides it on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- (1) It is approximately 600 000 cubic metres of soil.
- (2) Perth Airport owns this soil and is responsible for its use.
- (3) The material is not considered waste.
- (4) The most commonly detected PFAS compound in the Forrestfield–Airport Link project’s excess fill is perfluorooctane sulfonate, of which the highest concentration measured has been 0.007 milligrams per kilogram. This is below the human health and ecological assessment criteria in the *PFAS national environmental management plan*.
- (5) The soil being re-used meets the strictest health standards in the *PFAS NEMP*. Soil testing is undertaken in accordance with a suite of project-specific environmental management plans that have been endorsed by a contaminated sites auditor accredited by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.