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Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Syntroleum Project

43. Hon GIZ WATSON to the Attorney General representing the Minister for the Environment:

With reference to the proposed gas to synthetic hydrocarbons plant at the Burrup Peninsula -

- (1) What is the total tonnage of greenhouse gas emissions from this project as a per annum percentage of the current per annum emissions from Western Australia?
- (2) Is the total tonnage of greenhouse gas emissions sufficient to trigger the federal environment minister's greenhouse assessment process?
- (3) If yes, will this project be referred for federal assessment?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

I am pleased to be asked this question by Hon Giz Watson:

(1) The Environmental Protection Authority released its report and media release on 7 August 2000. They refer to greenhouse gas emissions. The EPA's report is open to appeal until 21 August 2000. I table the EPA's news release and the EPA's report on Syntroleum Sweetwater LLC Bulletin No 985.

[See paper No 119.]

(2)-(3) There is no trigger for greenhouse gas emissions as a matter of national environmental significance under the commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.