

**Question on Notice
No. 591
Asked on 21 April 2006**

QUESTION:

MR WELLS asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

How many audits or inspections has the department undertaken at the Narangba Industrial Estate over the last year or other indicative period and what safeguards does the department have in place to protect my constituents living nearby?

ANSWER:

In the past 12 months the EPA has conducted 27 audits/inspections within the Narangba Industrial Estate. This figure does not include the numerous visits made to the Estate after the Binary Industries fire in August 2005 and the ongoing cleanup of this site.

Through a variety of enforcement measures, including Environmental Protection Orders and Environmental Management Programs, the EPA has been addressing compliance concerns with several industries.

The EPA is actively addressing environmental nuisance from four odorous industries that it administers.

The EPA has offered assistance to Caboolture Shire Council in its administration of two industries, including a fishfood and petfood manufacturer, that presently are causing odour nuisance beyond their boundaries.

The EPA is actively working with the other major chemicals industry on the Estate to ensure that they provide adequate firewater retention wherever possible.

These actions are considered adequate to minimise the nuisance and environmental risks associated with industrial estates of this nature. In addition, the EPA pollution hotline (telephone number: 1300 130 372) is available to your constituents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report any incidents of concern.