

WASTE STRATEGY — COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS

57. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I note that the waste strategy makes reference to “the collection of problematic wastes”.

- (1) What measures are currently in place to keep compact fluorescent lamps—CFLs—out of landfill in WA?
- (2) What proportion of discarded CFLs is currently kept out of landfill?
- (3) Does the minister think that these measures are adequate; and, if not, what additional measures are planned?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

Thank you, Mr President; I think that I have the right paper!

I thank the minister for some notice of this question.

Hon Donna Faragher: Minister?

Hon HELEN MORTON: The member—right! Obviously, I have —
Several members interjected.

Hon HELEN MORTON: The answer is as follows —

- (1) The government has provided \$10 million over four years through the household hazardous waste program to assist in keeping domestic hazardous waste including compact fluorescent lamps from landfills.
- (2)–(3) FluoroCycle is an Australian government product stewardship initiative that targets businesses and organisations responsible for managing mercury-containing lamps in public lighting and commercial and government buildings. It is estimated that these sources account for approximately 90 per cent of all lighting waste. Lighting Council Australia administers this scheme on behalf of the Australian government and its advice is that since December 2010 the number of individual signatories to FluoroCycle has risen from 29 to over 85. Two state governments, South Australia and Victoria, are signatories and Queensland and New South Wales have indicated their intention to become signatories. The Minister for Environment has held initial meetings with Lighting Council Australia to discuss Western Australia becoming a signatory to FluoroCycle.