

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

**1040. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council Regional Resource Recovery Centre.

- (1) Since April 2012, how many complaints relating to odours suspected by residents to be originating from the RRRC in Canning Vale have been —
  - (a) forwarded to the Department of Environment and Conservation by SMRC staff at the RRRC; and
  - (b) received directly by DEC?
- (2) Since April 2012, how many field odour validations relating to the RRRC in Canning Vale have been carried out by DEC, and what were the results of the validations?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

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

- (1) Since 30 April 2012, the Department of Environment and Conservation has received 46 odour complaints alleging the emissions originated from the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council Regional Resource Recovery Centre. Determining an accurate number of complaints made directly to SMRC and then forwarded to DEC would require further examination of DEC's incidents and complaints management system. This could not be achieved in the time available.
- (2) Since 30 April 2012, DEC has undertaken 33 field assessments in relation to the SMRC's licence odour conditions, and also in response to odour complaints. Of the 33 field assessments, six were the result of 11 odour complaints. DEC detected odour during these six assessments.