

WASTE DISPOSAL — COMMON USE AGREEMENT 36309

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

I refer to the common use agreement 36309 for general waste disposal and recycling services.

- (1) What is the total amount of waste generated by Western Australian public authorities and collected under CUA 36309?
- (2) What incentive is provided by CUA 36309 to divert this waste from landfill?
- (3) How much of the waste collected under CUA 36309 is currently diverted from landfill?
- (4) Does CUA 36309 require contracted suppliers to collect and dispose of waste at a flat bin-lift fee, with any increased disposal costs to be borne by the contractor?
- (5) Is the minister aware of any proposals to increase the amount of waste collected under CUA 36309 that is diverted from landfill?
- (6) Will the government support any of these proposals; if so, which ones, when and at what cost; and, if not, why not?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance.
- (2) The contractors listed in the common use agreement generally charge a lower rate for a recycling service than for a service that disposes to landfill.
- (3)–(4) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Finance.
- (5)–(6) The government aims to keep its waste collection costs to a minimum and will consider the cost benefits of any proposals on this basis.