

LIMESTONE QUARRYING — METROPOLITAN AREA

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

I refer to the answer to question without notice 83 on 21 March 2012 headed “Limestone Quarrying — Metropolitan Area”.

- (1) Does the minister agree with the Minister for Planning that the backfilling of limestone quarries with clean, recycled material leads to a “successful and efficient use of land”?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, will the minister recognise the sequential land use operations as recycling projects?
- (4) If not, why not?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(4) The minister supports the remediation of land used for basic raw material extraction to enable subsequent land use, provided the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 and the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Act 2007 are complied with.