

WASTE AUTHORITY — STRATEGY AND BUSINESS PLAN

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

I refer to the answers to questions without notice 736 and 744 in September 2010 when the minister's predecessor denied that there had been any delay in finalising the state waste strategy and the Waste Authority's business plan.

- (1) Why, 11 months after I asked these questions, has the government still not released either the state waste strategy or the Waste Authority business plan?
- (2) Is the Waste Authority working with any direction from the government?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for the question.

(1)–(2) Following appointments of new members to the Waste Authority in May 2011 —

**Hon Sally Talbot:** You've started all over again.

Several members interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**Hon HELEN MORTON:** Did the President want me to start again?

Several members interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** The critical thing is that Hansard gets a fair and reasonable opportunity to get the answer down; they cannot do it if people are speaking over the member on her feet. Start again, minister.

**Hon HELEN MORTON:** Thank you, Mr President.

I would like to thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Following appointments of new members to the Waste Authority in May 2011 and a new chairman in July 2011, the Minister for Environment requested that the Waste Authority re-examine the draft waste strategy in light of progress in implementing the national waste policy and the passage of the Product Stewardship Bill 2011 through the federal Parliament. Under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007, the business plan must be consistent with the waste strategy.