

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL — RECYCLING FACILITY

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

Noting that in a few days' time the minister is officiating at the opening of the new recycling facility at the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council in Canning Vale, my question refers to the minister's publicly expressed doubt about the long-term viability of the SMRC's operations at its site in Canning Vale.

- (1) How much waste is currently processed each month by the composting facility at the SMRC?
- (2) Is the minister considering alternatives for the waste currently going to the composting facility?
- (3) If so, what alternatives is the minister considering?
- (4) What costs would these alternatives incur?
- (5) Will those costs be borne solely by the participating councils?
- (6) If not, how will the costs be met?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

The minister is not officiating at the opening of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's new recycling facility.

- (1) Condition 3 of the SMRC's amended licence issued on 7 May 2012 restricts the acceptance of putrescible waste to a maximum of 1 365 tonnes a week until 15 December 2012.
- (2)–(6) The SMRC is required by its licence to implement a number of upgrades by 15 December 2012. Any consideration of alternatives is a matter for the SMRC.