

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT REGULATION —
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS

799. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Environment:

I have a supplementary question. In this budget, the Minister for Environment has booked \$4 million revenue for this financial year; however, he has not done anything about the legislative changes required to get it. What will the minister do? Is the Treasurer calling the shots in the environment portfolio or is it the minister?

Mr A.P. JACOB replied:

We are in November, and this government is undertaking a very heavy legislative workload. We all have targets within agencies to meet cost recoveries where we can.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Victoria Park, you are on two calls.

Mr A.P. JACOB: I want to take the opportunity with this supplementary question to say that, certainly, in the environment portfolio, as in every area of government, we need to look for areas in which we can contribute to the state of the budget as it currently stands. On that particular issue, we are only a few months into the financial year and work will be ongoing.