

**Division 50: Office of the Environmental Protection Authority —**

[*Supplementary Information No A86.*]

*Question:* Mr C.J. Tallentire asked for the number of referrals that, in the minds of the community, were referrals but that the EPA declined to accept as referrals.

*Answer:* Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* provides for the referral of significant proposals, that is, proposals likely to have a significant effect on the environment, to the Environmental Protection Authority. All referrals of significant proposals were acknowledged as referrals. Proposals which are brought to the Environmental Protection Authority's attention which are clearly not significant, do not constitute referrals under section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

For the 2015-16 financial year to date, the Environmental Protection Authority received six requests from members of the community seeking proposals to be considered under section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* which, after investigation, the Environmental Protection Authority determined did not meet the requirements of a significant proposal.