

BUNBURY HARVEY REGIONAL COUNCIL WASTE FACILITY

1091. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer the minister to appendix 5 of the *Financial audit results: Local government 2021–22* produced by the Office of the Auditor General.

- (1) How much of ratepayers' money has been spent or committed on the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council waste facility since January last year?
- (2) Will the minister intervene to prevent the City of Bunbury and Shire of Harvey councils continuing to pour millions of dollars from ratepayers into the waste facility, given that the audit questions the solvency of the organisation; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Given the state's multibillion-dollar surplus, will the minister support taking over management of waste facilities from rural regional councils; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1) Specific questions about the expenditure or liability of each local government should be directed to the relevant local government.
- (2)–(3) The management of waste facilities operated by a local government is the responsibility of that local government.