

BUNBURY HARVEY REGIONAL COUNCIL WASTE FACILITY

1164. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

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

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the government is aware of the potential insolvency of the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council waste facility since 30 June 2022?
- (2) Has the minister received a briefing in relation to the solvency of this important waste facility; and, if so, when was the most recent briefing received?
- (3) Is the minister aware that over \$3.1 million has been committed to the facility by the Bunbury and Harvey councils since 30 June 2022?
- (4) What actions is the minister able to take to support the financial viability of the facility to reduce the impact on taxpayers in the greater Bunbury region?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1)–(4) The Office of the Auditor General routinely audits local government financial statements. The Bunbury Harvey Regional Council is owned by the City of Bunbury and the Shire of Harvey. Local governments are responsible for any waste management facilities that they own or operate. Specific questions about the expenditure or liability of each local government should be directed to the relevant local government.