

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (COST RECOVERY) REGULATIONS 2021 — FEES

882. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the fees charged for part IV environmental assessments under the Environmental Protection (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2021.

- (1) For the year to date, what is the total value of fees invoiced by the department?
- (2) For the year to date, what is the total value of receipts received by the department?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment for the financial year until 30 September 2022.

- (1) Nil. There has been no invoicing under part IV cost recovery in recent months because in response to the unprecedented number of environmental assessments needed to facilitate the state's booming economic growth and the staffing challenges faced across the public and private sectors, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has prioritised delivery of environmental assessments over invoicing for cost recovery. No revenue will be forgone by the government as a result of these delays. As a result of a recent recruitment process, the department expects to resume its cost recovery invoicing soon.
- (2) It is \$1 228 800.