

WASTE MANAGEMENT — FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS

**1494. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to question without notice 1078 regarding food organics and garden organics, which was answered on Tuesday, 19 September 2023, and note that this is National Recycling Week.

- (1) What percentage of metropolitan local governments are currently participating in FOGO?
- (2) What percentage of households across the metropolitan area are currently participating in FOGO?
- (3) What percentage of costs towards FOGO is the state government contributing to participating local governments for —
  - (a) FOGO set-up; and
  - (b) FOGO operations?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Thirty per cent of Perth metropolitan local governments currently provide FOGO services.
- (2) Approximately 16.4 per cent of households in the Perth metropolitan region have access to FOGO services.
- (3)
  - (a) Costs to implement three-bin FOGO services are highly variable. Payments of \$15 and \$25 a household are made available to local governments participating in the state government's Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program, which is primarily spent on caddies and compostable liners, as well as on householder education.
  - (b) The state government does not make payments to local governments for FOGO operations. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is delivering a grants program that includes \$5.625 million in state funding to support three new organic recycling infrastructure projects. These three recycling infrastructure projects will divert up to 275 000 tonnes of FOGO waste from landfill each year and convert it into compost. The grant funding is matched by the commonwealth to provide a total of \$11.25 million through a food waste for healthy soils program.