

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — COST-RECOVERY GUIDELINES

7. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the cost recovery regulations gazetted on 17 December 2021, which introduced fees and charges for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to recover costs for proposals referred to the Environmental Protection Authority under part IV, divisions 1 and 2, of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

- (1) How much has been cost recovered for part IV activities by DWER?
- (2) How many proponents have been charged?
- (3) Has the government received a request for a deferral, later payment or an altered payment schedule of the cost recovery fees?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many requests have been received?
- (5) Has the government granted any of the requests referred to in (3)?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The amount was \$18 658 400.
- (2) There have been 197 charged.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) There have been seven.
- (5) Yes.