

WASTE MANAGEMENT — FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS

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

I refer to the state government's own target of having all local governments transition to a three-bin food organics and garden organics system by 2025. I also refer to the answer to yesterday's question and the fact that only 64 per cent of metro area LGs and nine per cent of non-metro LGs have indicated they will transition to a FOGO system by 2025.

- (1) What percentage of total local government FOGO set-up costs, on average, has state government funding covered for the 30 per cent of metro area LGs who have implemented FOGO so far?
- (2) If an actual percentage is not known, has the state government estimated the proportion of FOGO set-up costs covered by state government funding for metro area LGs who are implementing FOGO?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is this; and, if no to (2), why not?
- (4) What are the consequences, if any, for LGs who do not meet the deadline to transition to FOGO by 2025?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The cost of delivering a food organics and garden organics service may vary between individual local governments. The state government's Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program has offered local governments that have not previously accessed Better Bins funding up to \$25 per household to support the FOGO rollout. Local governments that have previously accessed Better Bins funding have been offered up to \$15 per household. The introduction of FOGO services is the single most important thing that local governments can do to improve material recovery rates from their municipal solid waste streams. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is actively working with local governments that have not yet introduced FOGO services to ensure that these are rolled out as soon as possible.