

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (COST RECOVERY) REGULATIONS 2021

**369. 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. What regulatory efficiencies have emerged from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation since the fees were first charged?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Environment.

In the four and a half months that cost recovery of part IV environmental assessments has been in effect, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has continued to develop a suite of regulatory efficiencies resulting from recent amendments to the Environmental Protection Act 1986, the building of Environment Online and other Streamline WA initiatives. It is expected that the 18-month review of the part IV cost recovery program in mid-2023 will capture and reflect these efficiencies appropriately.