

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION —
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PART IV ASSESSMENTS — INVOICING

1046. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the temporary suspension of invoicing part IV Environmental Protection Act environmental assessments.

- (1) When was this operational decision made in the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and by whom?
- (2) When was the minister advised?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The department is responsible for making operational decisions regarding the allocation of its resources. The department temporarily suspended invoicing in quarter 4 of the 2021–22 financial year. As per responses to earlier questions, normal invoicing processes will resume shortly and no government revenue will be foregone.