

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES — DELIVERY TO WA HOMES AND OFFICES

6421. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Change

I refer to the Government policy of waste minimisation and the annual delivery of paper copies of the White Pages and the Yellow Pages to Western Australian homes and offices, and ask —

- (1) Is the Minister aware that it is possible to opt out of delivery of paper copies of the directories?
- (2) If yes to (1), —
  - (a) has the Minister ensured that all Government Departments, Members and their staff are aware of how to opt out of delivery of paper copies of the directories at home and work; and
  - (b) has the Minister publicised this option so that members of the general public are aware of how to opt out of delivery of paper copies of the directories at home and work?
- (3) If no to (2)(a), why not?
- (4) If no to (2)(b), why not?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Yes. The Minister's office has exercised this option.
- (2)
  - (a) The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has recently commenced a new program called DECrease to ensure that DEC leads by example to reduce its environmental "footprint", including through waste minimisation and recycling. This program will be used to encourage other government agencies to develop their own programs. The option to stop the delivery of hard copy White and Yellow Pages will form part of the DECrease program.
  - (b) DEC has publicised the opt-out choice on the WA Government's Act Now for the Future website.
- (3)-(4) Not applicable.