

WASTE LEVY — ADMINISTRATION

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

I refer to the minister's answer to my question of 13 May, which provided estimations of the volume of construction and demolition—C&D—waste diverted from landfill, stockpiled or disposed of unlawfully outside of the metropolitan area.

- (1) What is the origin of the information that was provided by the minister?
- (2) Has this information been audited by an independent third party?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The 2019–20 data provided by the minister was sourced from annual returns submitted by recyclers under regulation 18C of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008, waste levy data submitted under Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Regulations 2008 and voluntary landfill composition data from metropolitan landfill operators or regional landfill operators receiving metropolitan waste.
- (2) The first reports required under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008 were due on 1 October 2020. Independent third party auditing was undertaken on a sample of returns in the current financial year. This did not include construction and demolition waste generated in the metropolitan area. Future programs will target a range of liable entities to ensure data accuracy and compliance with the regulations.