

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT — COST RECOVERY

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

I refer to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation discussion paper *Implementing cost recovery for part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

- (1) What expense was incurred by DWER in commissioning work by —
 - (a) EY at the first stage to review cost recovery approaches in other jurisdictions;
 - (b) Lisa Byrne consulting at the second stage to develop pricing and demand management models; and
 - (c) EY again at the third stage to validate the pricing and demand management models?
- (2) On what basis and via which processes were the above consultancies engaged?
- (3) Will the minister table the documents referred to above; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The expenses incurred by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation are estimated to be —
 - (a) \$103 200 for the original report by EY and an additional \$22 352 for addendum.
 - (b) \$48 716.
 - (c) \$32 703.
- (2) EY was engaged under the terms of DWER's common-user agreement for both the first stage and third stage. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation sought quotes for the second stage of work from Deloitte, EY and Lisa Byrne consulting. Lisa Byrne consulting was appointed as the contractor.
- (3) Due to the nature and volume of documents to be tabled, I request that the honourable member place this part of the question on notice.