

WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY LEVY

611. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the increase in the waste avoidance and resource recovery levy, which was announced as part of the government's budget.

- (1) Before that announcement, did the minister consult with any key stakeholders on this decision?
- (2) If yes to (1), with whom?
- (3) Since this announcement, has the minister been approached by any stakeholders expressing concerns about this decision?
- (4) If yes to (3), by whom and what concerns were raised?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of her question.

- (1) No. The decision was made as part of the budget process and was therefore in confidence.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3)-(4) I have met with both the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Conservation Council of Western Australia on the matters relating to the waste levy announcement in the budget.