

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT — DELEGATED POWERS

1383. Hon DIANE EVERS to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the draft discussion paper released in 2016 on the delegation of powers under the Environmental Protection Act.

- (1) How many responses were received?
- (2) Has the government acted on the responses; if yes, what actions has the government taken; and, if no, why not?
- (3) Was a final report completed; if yes, will the minister please table the report; and, if no, when will one be completed?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(3) I am advised by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation that the former Department of Environment Regulation published in June 2016 a “Consultation Summary—Authorised Officers: Review of Delegated Powers” summarising the submissions received, the key issues raised and the responses to those issues. I table a copy of the report. I am also advised by DWER that following the creation of the new agency on 1 July 2017, an internal evaluation was undertaken of the policy position and consultation outcomes. This review resulted in less restriction being applied for authorised officers in local governments than what was proposed in the tabled paper.

[See paper 3420.]