

TREASURY CORPORATION — GREEN BONDS

806. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to paragraph 11 listed under the Western Australian Treasury Corporation on page 147 of budget paper No 2, volume 1, and to the corporation's development of environmental, social and governance, or "green", bonds.

- (1) Which of the WATC's Australian "peers" have developed these bonds?
- (2) What is the quantum of investor demand for the development of these bonds?
- (3) What progress has been made on the development of these bonds?
- (4) Broadly speaking, what are the state's ESG credentials and which decisions of government have had an impact on these credentials?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) New South Wales Treasury Corporation, Queensland Treasury Corporation and Treasury Corporation of Victoria.
- (2) Significant and growing, which reflects a growing international demand for ESG bonds but restricted supply. For example, the October 2020 green bond issue by NSW Treasury Corporation had \$4.1 billion in bids for \$1.3 billion issued. The recent entry of the United Kingdom into the green bond market in September 2021 saw over \$100 billion in bids for \$10 billion issued.
- (3) The WATC is in the early stages of developing the frameworks, governance and reporting requirements to support this type of issuance.
- (4) There has been no holistic assessment published by a reputable third party providing an opinion on the Western Australian government's ESG credentials.