

LANDFILL LEVY — LOCAL GOVERNMENT

683. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

Given that a majority of the funds generated by the waste levy are currently intended for activities that are essentially run by local government, can the minister advise the house how much of the funds collected by the Waste Authority actually go to local government, and what does local government use the money for?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question. As the member is aware, levy funds currently go to the Waste Authority, and this will continue under the proposed legislation. The Waste Authority has a business plan and within that business plan it undertakes a range of activities involving local government and other activities, including waste grants, public education campaigns and the like. Obviously, some of that involves local government, and it also provides policy support in that regard. There will be no change to that.