

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION —
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE

764. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Environment and Conservation's review of the use of construction and demolition waste in road base.

- (1) Who is participating in the DEC review?
- (2) Is the review being carried out by consultants; and, if so, who and at what cost?
- (3) When will the review be completed?
- (4) Will the review produce a report; and, if not, how will the results of the review be presented?
- (5) Will the review's results be made public?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

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

- (1) The Departments of Environment and Conservation and Health, targeted construction and demolition recycling industry groups in Western Australia and regulatory bodies in South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria were consulted in the Waste Authority's assessment of procedures for asbestos detection in construction and demolition recycling facilities review.
- (2) Parsons Brinckerhoff, at a cost of \$20 000.
- (3)–(4) The consultant provided the final report to the Waste Authority on 6 September 2012.
- (5) The results of the review were used in the development of the "Guidelines for managing asbestos at construction and demolition waste recycling facilities", which are supported by the Department of Health. The guidelines have been distributed to licensed facilities handling construction and demolition waste, and other government agencies and non-government organisations that are likely to have a direct or indirect interest in managing construction and demolition waste. The guidelines were also distributed at the Waste Authority's construction and demolition waste forum on 26 September. They are available on DEC's website at www.dec.wa.gov.au and on the Waste Authority's website at www.zerowaste.wa.gov.au for comment until 22 October 2012.