

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS — RECYCLING PROGRAM

1212. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the minister's announcement on 10 September 2015 that the state government would invest \$10 million in an incentive scheme to increase local councils' use of recycled construction and demolition materials in civil engineering projects.

- (1) How much of the \$10 million has been spent to date?
- (2) Who has received that money, when and for which projects?
- (3) Does the minister's announcement on 10 March 2016 that the state government would make \$10 million available for local councils to use recycled construction and demolition waste in civil engineering projects refer to the same incentive scheme?
- (4) Does the "Waste Authority Position Statement: Construction and Demolition ... Waste" dated June 2016 relate to the same incentive scheme?
- (5) If yes to (4), why did a position statement that aims to be "providing the policy basis for the Waste Authority's support of the use of recycled C&D products" appear nine months after the minister announced the incentive scheme funding?
- (6) Does the Liberal-National government have any idea how to reverse the complete failure of its policy on keeping construction and demolition waste out of landfill and illegal dumps?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

Sometimes it feels like groundhog day! I thank the member for some notice of the question. I note this question was asked on 8 September, so it is correct at that date.

- (1) No funds have been disbursed to date. Applications for \$482 300 of funding have been received and are being assessed.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The Waste Authority's position statement is a policy promoting the use of construction and demolition waste and is complementary to the recycled construction products program.
- (5) The position statement builds on the Western Australian waste strategy Creating the Right Environment and includes a broad range of issues relating to the use of recycled construction and demolition waste.
- (6) There has been a significant reduction of over 550 000 tonnes in the disposal of construction and demolition waste to landfill between 2010–11 and 2014–15 as a result of increases in the landfill levy at inert landfills during this period. The Department of Environment Regulation's illegal dumping program identifies illegal dumping incidents through public complaints, overt and covert surveillance, and sharing intelligence with partners including local governments and other land managers.