

CORE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON WASTE

4716. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Is the Minister familiar with the Core Consultative Committee (3C) on Waste?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the State Government endorsed the 3C process and timeline which specifically required the committee to assess expressions of interest for new technology to treat hazardous waste against the Government's technology suitability criteria?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Has the Core Consultative Committee on Waste completed the assessment of expressions of interest for treatment of hazardous waste as required by State Cabinet?
- (6) If yes to (5), when was this task completed?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Government endorsed the Core Consultative Committee process and timeline, which included actions to be undertaken by the Committee and government agencies. However, the endorsement by Cabinet of the original process and timeline does not preclude Cabinet from making subsequent amendments to the process and/or the timeline to suit changing circumstances should that be necessary. The 3C has submitted its report and recommendations. Cabinet will consider the appropriate processes for consideration of new technologies to treat hazardous waste if this is required, when it considers the 3C report.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) No, see the answer to (3).
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Progression of the expression of interest process would need to await Cabinet consideration of the 3C recommendations. This is yet to occur, as the Government's Hazardous/Industrial Waste Precinct Coordinating Group is finalising a feasibility study of the Committee's recommendations, for consideration by Cabinet.