

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (COST RECOVERY) REGULATIONS 2021 — FEES

930. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the response the minister provided on 12 October that advised of an “unprecedented number of environmental assessments” at the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

- (1) What is this unprecedented number that the minister was unable to provide in response to my follow-up question of 13 October?
- (2) Will the minister please list the individual project proposals against which the environmental assessments are being, or are due to be, conducted?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) At the June 2022 budget estimates in this place, the following information on the number of assessments under part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 being undertaken by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation was provided. This part of the answer is tabular form and I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Assessment type	Estimates in June 2022
Referrals under section 38	40
Formal Assessments under section 38	75
Referrals/Assessments under section 48A (schemes)	20
Minor amendments to proposals (section 45C)	30
Amendments to implementation conditions (section 46)	40
Environmental Management Plans	130
Total	335

The answer goes on but, again, this information is in tabular form, and I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

The current information is presented below:

Assessment type	No.
Referrals under section 38	31
Formal Assessments under section 38	81
Referrals/ Assessments under section 48A (schemes)	21
Minor amendments to proposals (section 45C)	27
Amendments to implementation conditions (section 46)	37
Environmental Management Plans	147
Total	344

The honourable member is further advised that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation publishes quarterly regulatory performance reports on its website.

- (2) It is requested that this question is put on notice due to the detailed nature of the information required.