

RECYCLING — WASTE DIVERSION

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

I refer to the government's continuing failure to achieve its projected targets for diverting waste from landfill. Why, only months after the government promised a new recycling program for construction and demolition waste, do the budget papers project a decrease in the amount of construction and demolition waste recycled?

**The PRESIDENT:** I think there was an opinion expressed there.

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

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

The Western Australian waste strategy *Creating the Right Environment* identifies that construction and demolition recycling has the potential to significantly improve the diversion of waste from landfill. Construction and demolition recycling is highly variable and cyclical and responds to economic activity. The focus is to improve the long-term recovery of construction and demolition waste, and the programs funded in the Waste Authority's business plan will be targeted to achieve this.