

WASTE LEVY — ADMINISTRATION

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

I refer to the answer the minister provided me on 25 May concerning the origin of information that was provided in an answer to an earlier question about data relating to the diversion of construction and demolition, or C&D, waste.

- (1) Does the minister's answer imply that official statistics derive from self-reporting of the operators themselves?
- (2) If yes, what specific process does the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation currently undertake to validate the integrity of this self-reported information?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Recyclers are required to report waste and recycling data annually under regulation 18C of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008. Regulation 18D requires information to be calculated or estimated in accordance with gazetted procedures approved by the chief executive officer.  
In relation to the waste levy, licensees must make a record under regulation 17 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations, and, under regulation 18, use these records to make a return in the approved form setting out details of the waste received, and lodge this return with the chief executive officer.
- (2) An audit program is undertaken each year to verify the integrity of the data reported for a sample of returns. In addition, validation is undertaken for each return. Returns are compared against data reported in the previous year. Returns are also checked against data reported under licence conditions.