

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — WASTE REFORM

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

I am lucky today, President.

I refer to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's reform work undertaken since the release of the *Closing the loop: Waste reforms for a circular economy*.

- (1) How close is the department to completing its reform work?
- (2) Has the minister received a briefing on this work?
- (3) Does the minister anticipate being able to deliver on this reform work through legislative and/or regulatory amendments before the end of this calendar year?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is preparing a decision and regulatory impact statement following the completion of public consultation. Following the publication of the statement, drafting instructions will need to be prepared.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The drafting and introduction of bills is a decision for cabinet.