

LANDFILL SITES — ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS

6413. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) How much soil contaminated with asbestos-containing materials was accepted by landfill sites charging the landfill levy in the last 12 months?
- (2) How much did the Government collect in landfill levy from soil contaminated with asbestos-containing materials deposited at landfill sites in the last 12 months?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1) Specific data are not available on soil contaminated with asbestos-containing material disposed to landfill.

Under regulation 17 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008, landfill operators are required to make a record of the waste received at a licensed landfill and must include, among other things, the volume of waste disposed (in the case of a category 63 landfill); the weight of the waste (in the case of a category 64 or 65 landfill); a description of the type of waste; and the amount of levy payable in respect of the waste. Soil contaminated with asbestos-containing material is recorded as either “contaminated soil” or “special–other”.

Regulation 18 requires the licensee to lodge a return setting out the details of waste received for each return period. During the 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 period, 94,600 tonnes of contaminated soil, and 6,600 tonnes of special–other waste, originating from the metropolitan area, were reported as disposed of to landfill.

- (2) The levy collected for the categories “contaminated soil” and “special–other” disposed to landfill during the July 2011 to June 2012 period was \$1.945 million.