

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — REGULATORY FEES AND FINES

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

I refer to the “Net Appropriation Determination” table for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation at page 705 of budget paper No 2, volume 2. What accounts for the large increase in anticipated income from regulatory fees and fines, growing from an estimated actual of \$31.4 million in the 2021–22 financial year to \$45 million in the 2023–24 out year?

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.

The increase is mainly due to additional revenue generated from —

- (a) new fees and charges for the environmental impact assessment process under part IV of the Environmental Protection (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2021; and
- (b) a change in the way in which industry is regulated under part V of the Environmental Protection Amendment Act 2020.