

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION —
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PART IV COST RECOVERY ACCOUNT

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

I refer to page 707 of budget paper No 2, volume 2, which reflects the balance of the “Environmental Protection Part IV Cost Recovery Account”.

- (1) Given that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has been collecting fees since 1 January this year and that the minister confirmed via answer provided to me on 7 April that \$336 000 in fees had been collected as of that date, why is the relevant table in the budget paper blank?
- (2) What is the opening balance, receipts, payments and closing balance for the 2021–22 estimated actual column?
- (3) As with (2), will the minister please provide this same information for the 2022–23 budget year?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, who is away on urgent parliamentary business. The following answer is based on information provided to him.

- (1) Due to uncertainties regarding the quantum and timing of fee collections at the time of finalising the budget papers, the fees under the “Environmental Protection Part IV Cost Recovery Account” were conservatively budgeted to be received from 2023–24 and are not reflected in the 2022–23 budget paper No 2. The midyear review will provide an opportunity to update these figures.
- (2) All figures in the 2021–22 estimated actual are nil dollars.
- (3) All figures in the 2022–23 budget year are nil dollars.