

WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY LEVY ACT 2007 — AMENDMENTS

**618. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) When will the minister be introducing amendments to the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Act 2007?
- (2) Will the minister confirm the advice provided by the Western Australian Local Government Association that the proposed 300 per cent increase to the landfill levy is in fact an illegal move because the income is being directed to consolidated revenue rather than recycling initiatives?
- (3) If this levy is illegal, will the minister confirm that the budget for the Department of Environment and Conservation will experience a \$39 million black hole this year?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(3) With respect to the legislation that will be introduced shortly, and with respect to the advice provided by WALGA, the advice that we have is that it is valid.