

WASTE MANAGEMENT — TYRE WASTE

1005. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

Given that the WA waste strategy cites tyres as an example of waste management market failure in both the metropolitan area and regional Western Australia —

- (1) What are the details of the initiatives that have been supported as first-year achievements in the Waste Authority business plan 2012–17 to improve the recovery of tyres?
- (2) How much has been spent on managing tyre waste so far in 2012?
- (3) How much will be spent on managing tyre waste in 2012–13 and 2013–14?
- (4) Is the minister aware of tyres being collected for recycling in Western Australia ending up in landfill? If so, how many tyres are sent to landfill when they have been collected for recycling?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1) The improved recovery of tyres is being addressed primarily through the national industry-led voluntary product stewardship scheme for end-of-life tyres due to be introduced in mid-2013, which is supported by the Waste Authority.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) An amount of \$100 000 has been allocated to the Waste Authority's 2012–13 business plan for managing tyre waste. The business plan for 2013–14 has not been finalised. Actual expenditure will depend on the support required from Western Australia for implementation of the national product stewardship scheme.
- (4) The Department of Environment and Conservation operates an online controlled waste tracking system which records the volume of waste tyres transported around the state. The data does not provide details of what waste collected for recycling is disposed to landfill.