

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (COST RECOVERY) REGULATIONS 2021— FEES

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

I refer to the minister's answer on 18 October that provided a table detailing the 344 environmental assessments under part IV of the Environmental Protection Act currently being undertaken by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation staff.

- (1) How many staff are allocated to undertake these assessments?
- (2) Is this level of staffing sufficient to ensure that the assessments are conducted within statutory time frames?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(2) Depending on the nature of the proposal being assessed, staff are allocated from across the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and across government to provide the information and expertise needed to undertake these assessments. The department has consistently met its key performance indicators on time frames for part IV assessments.