

WASTE — SOURCE SEPARATION SCHEMES — LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

Which metropolitan councils participate in or utilise source separation schemes for municipal solid waste, commercial and industrial waste, and construction and demolition waste?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

An annual census is conducted of the waste and recycling services provided to households and commercial premises by local governments in Western Australia. Aggregated data on local government services, including source separated systems, are reported in the published census. Pages 12 to 20 of the most recently published census for 2013–14 have the relevant information for kerbside, verge side and drop-off services. I table those relevant pages.

[See paper 4494.]

Hon DONNA FARAGHER: The census data show that 29 metropolitan local governments offer a kerbside recycling service—that is, a yellow lid dry recyclables service and a green waste non-containerised verge side service—and three offer a source separated organic waste kerbside service. The data show that households with three kerbside bins for recycling, green waste and general waste achieve significantly higher rates of waste recovery than those with two bins. The Liberal–National government’s \$20 million Better Bins program has provided \$4 684 242 in funding to eight local governments to date to improve source separation through investment in better practice kerbside systems. They are the Cities of Bayswater, Rockingham and Stirling, the Towns of Cambridge and Cottesloe, and the Shires of Capel, Collie and Donnybrook–Balingup.