

Division 59: Environment Regulation —

[Supplementary Information No B64.]

Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire asked: What is Western Australia's greenhouse gas emissions for this year?

Answer:

The latest information on Western Australia's greenhouse gas emissions is from the National Greenhouse Gas Accounts, State and Territory Greenhouse Gas Inventories for 2011-12, published in April 2014 by the Commonwealth Department of the Environment. This report is available at www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/255447ab-3c51-412e-9756-921ef23cb8aa/files/state-territory-inventories-11-12.pdf.

The estimated greenhouse gas emissions for Western Australia including Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry are 75.9 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent and 70.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent excluding Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry.

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Question: Ms S.F. McGurk asked: What is the Waste Authority's spend so far on education programs, either its direct spend on education programs or its partnership with other bodies targeted towards education programs, on what goes in which bin? What is planned to be spent in the upcoming financial year, 2014-15, and will there be any increase as a result of the increase in the landfill levy?

Answer:

As outlined in the Waste Authority's 2013-14 Business Plan, around \$800 000 has been spent on direct education programs such as Waste Wise Schools and, through partnerships with the Master Builders Association, the Western Australian Local Government Association and other small organisations, on activities to improve understanding and influence behaviour regarding source separation.

I have asked the Waste Authority to provide me with a revised draft Business Plan for 2014-15 that incorporates the additional revenue from the levy increase. I consider that education of source separation to ensure recycling outcomes are achieved will remain an important priority. Education activities will include supporting an increasing number of local governments who participate in the Better Bins program and programs to address construction and demolition waste. Once finalised the business plan will be available on the Waste Authority's website at www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au.