

WESTERN AUSTRALIA RETURN RECYCLE RENEW LTD

1434. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the state's contract with Western Australia Return Recycle Renew Ltd—WARRRL—to manage the container deposit scheme.

- (1) Was the original contract with the state government established using a competitive process?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many other tenders were made at the time?
- (3) How much does the state pay WARRRL for the contract?
- (4) Were any provisions included in the contract with WARRRL to ensure it supported innovation and competition in the process of container collection?
- (5) Does the contract require WARRRL to provide an annual report on the effectiveness of the scheme to the state government?
- (6) When is the contract up for renewal?
- (7) Will the state open the contract to competition when the current contract ends?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment the answer is as follows.

- (1) Yes, the scheme coordinator was selected through a competitive process.
- (2) There were two respondents to the request for proposal.
- (3) Western Australia Return Recycle Renew Ltd does not receive payment from the state government.
- (4) WARRRL was appointed scheme coordinator under section 47X of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007. Obligations imposed on WARRRL include achieving a high rate of return for containers and enabling access to the scheme. The conditions of appointment do not directly deal with innovation and competition in the process of container collection.
- (5) Yes. Regulation 15 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Deposit Scheme) Regulations 2019 requires the coordinator to give the minister an annual report about its operations.
- (6) The term of appointment concludes seven years after the appointment day, 20 October 2020.
- (7) At the end of the term of appointment, the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 allows the minister to issue a request for proposals or for appointment to be extended.