

CITY OF STIRLING, SINGLE BIN RECYCLING SYSTEM

479. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In regards to the City of Stirling single bin recycling system -

- (1) What proportion of each type of recyclable materials -
  - (a) paper/cardboard;
  - (b) plastics; and
  - (c) metals,are retained from the waste stream?
- (2) What proportion is disposed of at the property at Calingiri?
- (3) Is the Calingiri property licensed to accept these wastes?
- (4) If so, when was the license issued?
- (5) Does Atlas or the City of Stirling receive a bounty or levy on waste which is being deposited on the property at Calingiri?
- (6) If so, how much

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has been advised by the Department of Environmental Protection that independent auditing of the diversion rates at the Atlas facility in Noranda indicates that:  
Paper and cardboard are included in the waste that is accepted at the Atlas composting facility in Calingiri.  
0.1% of plastic.  
0.5% of metal is retained for recycling from the total waste stream.  
It should be noted that, in general, plastics and metals compromise a small percentage of the waste stream, approximately 2 - 3%. The majority of plastics are not recyclable due to a lack of markets for recycling.
- (2) The auditing process has revealed that approximately 60% of the organic waste stream is taken to the Atlas property in Calingiri.
- (3) The Atlas facility at Calingiri is licensed for the composting of organic waste, which includes paper and cardboard.
- (4) The licence was first issued on 10 November 1998.
- (5) The City of Stirling is entitled to claim the Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme payment in respect to all of its recycling activities. The Western Australian Local Government Association, which processes the rebate claims, has advised that the Secondary Resource Recovery plant was not operating during the last rebate period which has been processed, so the amount to be paid to the City of Stirling does not include any amount for material being processed at Calingiri. The claim with respect to the current period is still being processed, and no recommendation for payment has yet been made.
- (6) Answered by (5).