

WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHMENT

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

- (1) Has the Government now considered the merits of setting up an independent Waste Management Authority as it promised in its 2001 Election Platform?
- (2) What conclusion has it reached on this issue?
- (3) Is a report available which contains the analysis and conclusions on this issue?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the following response:

- (1) The Government considered the merits of establishing an independent Waste Management Authority as part of the Machinery of Government Review.
- (2) A non-statutory Waste Management Board was established in January 2002 to provide the Government of Western Australia with independent advice on waste management issues in Western Australia. The Government is considering the establishment of a peak body for waste management within the proposed Resource Recovery and Waste Avoidance Bill.
- (3) No. However, the development of new legislation to manage waste in Western Australia will examine the necessary structure to achieve the waste vision of “towards zero waste by 2020”.