

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT — COST RECOVERY**

*Question without Notice 20 — Answer*

**HON DARREN WEST (Agricultural — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.03 pm]: I would like to provide an answer to Hon Neil Thomson's question without notice 20, asked yesterday.

I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

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- (1) The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) released the Interim Guideline: Determining compliance priority rating for cost recovery as an Interim Guideline as there was insufficient time to consult industry on the Interim Guideline prior to annual compliance fees being introduced and implemented on 1 July 2023 for this financial year.
  - (2) The Interim Guideline will be updated following a planned consultation process outlined in response to Question 3.
  - (3) DWER will consult on the Interim Guideline in the coming months. Based on the feedback received the Interim Guideline will be reviewed and updated.
  - (4) Public consultation will take place. All key stakeholders including all proponents will have an opportunity to provide feedback as part of both consultation processes. It is expected to be finalised within six months.
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