

CITY OF STIRLING, WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1331. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to the City of Stirling's waste management system.

- (1) Is the minister aware that -
 - (a) prior to the introduction of a one-bin system, the City of Stirling recycled 10 per cent of mobile garbage bin rubbish by a recycling bag system; and
 - (b) since the introduction of a one-bin system and the City of Stirling's use of Atlas Group Pty Ltd's waste-sorting facility, the City of Stirling now recycles only two per cent of MGB waste?
- (2) Is the minister satisfied with this low level of recycling?
- (3) If not, will the minister work with the City of Stirling to increase the level of recycling?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1)
 - (a) No. The Minister for the Environment is informed that, prior to the introduction in the City of Stirling of the one-bin system, none of its mobile garbage bin waste was being recycled.
 - (b) The City of Stirling claims that since the introduction of the one-bin system and the use of Atlas Group Pty Ltd's waste-sorting facility, it has achieved waste diversion rates of over 60 per cent. This rate of diversion has been confirmed by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council in its assessment of claims for resource recovery rebate scheme payments.
- (2) The Minister for the Environment is pleased that a number of local governments are developing projects to recover resources from waste and reduce the State's reliance on landfill.
- (3) The discussion paper "Strategic Direction for Waste Management in Western Australia", recently released by the Government, was developed to assist industry, local government and the community achieve the "towards zero waste" vision identified in the WAste 2020 report. The document is a transitional plan establishing the first steps between managing wastes and achieving zero wastes and ultimately a sustainable WA.