

WASTE LEVY — REVIEW

1113. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the WA waste levy.

- (1) How much has the application of the waste levy raised in each of the financial years 2019–20 to 2022–23 inclusive?
- (2) Has the government examined proposals or scenarios or considered alternatives to the application and criteria of the waste levy, including the rate at which it applies?
- (3) Since March 2020, has the government examined, modelled or proposed any new levies on waste streams, including any levies on waste-to-energy streams?
- (4) If yes to (3), when are the new levies proposed to be applied and in what compliance protocol, structure and regulatory regime models?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The total revenue raised from the waste levy between the financial years 2019–20 and 2021–22 was \$244 million, as published in the Western Australian state budget papers. The estimated actual revenue for 2022–23 was \$83 million. In 2019–20, \$79 640 000 was raised. In 2020–21, \$78 980 000 was raised. In 2021–22, \$85 716 000 was raised.
- (2) The review of the waste levy consulted on waste levy rates, the geographic area of the waste levy and applying the waste levy to other waste management methods, such as waste to energy. Based on the review, the waste levy will be increased to \$85 a tonne from 1 July 2024, and in line with inflation thereafter. A rolling five-year schedule of levy rates will be published periodically to reflect changes and encourage early adoption of preferred waste recovery options. Further work will be undertaken to consider reforms to the levy's rate as part of the review of the government's *Waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030*. The state government will also undertake a consultation regulatory impact statement on options to expand the levy boundary into regional areas.
- (3) The review of the waste levy consulted on applying the waste levy to other waste management methods, such as waste to energy.
- (4) The government has not proposed new levies on specific waste streams.