

WASTE, DIVERSION FROM LANDFILL INTO RECYCLING SCHEMES

1333. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

- (1) What percentage of waste must be diverted from landfill into recycling schemes before councils or waste management companies qualify for waste diversion bounties?
- (2) How does the Department of Environmental Protection ensure that the correct quantities are being diverted -
 - (a) are the waste streams estimated; or
 - (b) are they weighed at an accredited weighbridge?
- (3) If the waste entering a landfill site is weighed, are dockets made out to provide a record of waste entering landfill facilities?
- (4) Are the dockets made available to the DEP waste management section, and is this done before waste reduction bounties or levies are paid?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has been advised by the Department of Environmental Protection that no fixed percentage rate of diversion must be achieved.
- (2) There are no specified correct quantities for diversion of recyclables.
 - (a) The ways in which the waste stream is calculated are set out in a memorandum of understanding between the Western Australian Local Government Association and the DEP.
 - (b) Not necessarily. However, rebates are calculated on the basis of eligible tonnes, which are supported by appropriate documentation.
- (3) Metropolitan landfills are required by the landfill levy regulations to keep detailed records of waste disposed. These records include time and date, weight, a description of the waste and the amount of levy payable.
- (4) Detailed records must be maintained by the landfill licensee for a period of not less than five years and must be made available for inspection within 24 hours of being requested by an authorised person.