

WASTE MANAGEMENT — FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS

379. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the fact that less than 30 per cent of metropolitan area local governments and 10 per cent of regional local governments have transitioned to food organics and garden organics, otherwise known as FOGO, thus far. I also refer to the state government's media statement of 8 February 2023 about additional funding to help local governments transition to FOGO.

- (1) On average, what percentage of this funding for FOGO transition will cover local governments' —
 - (a) setup costs; and
 - (b) ongoing costs?
- (2) What percentage of metropolitan and regional local governments respectively does the state government expect to have transitioned to FOGO by 2025?
- (3) What percentage of waste was diverted from landfill in the residential waste stream in 2021–22 in —
 - (a) regional local governments; and
 - (b) metropolitan local governments?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This answer is accurate as of Wednesday, 22 February 2023, when the question was logged. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1)
 - (a) The Better Bins Plus program reduces the set-up costs for local governments by a fixed amount based on a formula. The proportion of set-up costs represented by the payment varies between each local government and depending on whether the local government is moving from a two-bin or three-bin system to a FOGO system.
 - (b) The Better Bins Plus program does not fund ongoing FOGO delivery costs.
- (2) To date, 64 per cent of Perth and Peel local governments have indicated that they will be implementing FOGO by 2025. Nine per cent of non-metropolitan local governments have indicated an intent to implement FOGO by 2025.
- (3) Waste and recycling data for 2021–22 is not yet available. In 2020–21, the percentage of waste diverted from landfill in the residential waste stream reported by local governments was —
 - (a) 24 per cent by regional local governments; and
 - (b) 40 per cent by Perth and Peel local governments.