

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING FUND GRANTS PROGRAM, REVIEW

761. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the Government carried out the required review of the Waste Management and Recycling Fund's Grants program?
 - (2) If yes, who carried out this review?
 - (3) Was this an independent review?
 - (4) Were public submissions sought?
 - (5) If not, why not?
 - (6) What were the main findings of the review?
 - (7) When will these findings be released for public comment?
 - (8) When will the Waste Management and Recycling Fund Grants program, suspended for the period of the Review, be reinstated?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the following response:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Waste Management Board is currently undertaking a review of the Waste Management and Recycling Fund (WMRF) in accordance with the statutory requirement. The review includes the grants program, the rebate scheme and the landfill levy itself.
- (3) Yes. The Waste Management Board is considering two separate consultants' reports into various aspects of the WMRF. One consultancy considered the grants program. The other covered the rebate scheme and the landfill levy. The Board will incorporate findings from both of these consultants' reports into a final review document.
- (4) The consultants sought input from a range of stakeholders in this area. The Waste Management Board's final review document will be released for public comment.
- (5) Answered by (4).
- (6) The Waste Management Board's review is nearing completion and the main findings are not yet available. The public discussion document will outline the findings of the review and will propose recommended changes to the levy, grants program and rebate schemes.
- (7) It is anticipated the public discussion document will be released by the end of July 2003.
- (8) There will be no advertising of rounds of grant funding before the review of the Waste Management and Recycling Fund is complete. The timing will depend on the response to the public discussion document.