

ANSWER TO ESTIMATES QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Subject: Annual Tonnage of Waste to Landfill

Question asked during Estimates Committee, 11 October 2010:

Zero Waste

Mr PEDERICK: Minister, I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 4, Portfolio Statements, page 11.53. The only annual performance indicator is the annual reduction in waste to landfill. The estimated reduction in 2009-10 was about 40,000 tonnes, considerably less than achieved in 2008-09 which was 57,000 tonnes. Why is this, and what is the current total annual tonnage of waste to landfill?

The Hon. P. CAICA: I am advised that with respect to the 2009-10 estimated result we have done better, if you like, than we have from the 2009-10 target where we see a difference between 35,000 tonnes to 40,000 tonnes, bearing in mind the important word there is 'reduction.' I am advised that we are on target to meet our 2010-11 target and we hope that will certainly be the case.

Mr PEDERICK: Minister, how do you quantify the difference, though, between 40,000 tonnes and the 57,000 tonnes that was achieved in 2008-09? The 40,000 tonnes was the estimated reduction in 2009-10.

The Hon. P. CAICA: However, we do not have the figures. We would need the figures going back to 2007-08 to find out what the target was to achieve that actual. I do not have those figures here in front of me. I am happy to get back to you regarding what the targeted figures were for 2008-09. We only have the actual there and the target for 2009-10 and the estimated result for 2009-10 and then the target for 2010-11—are you with me?

Mr PEDERICK: Yes. If you can bring them back.

The Hon. P. CAICA: Yes, I will.

Response provided 15/12/10

Hon Paul Caica MP: “I am advised that:

I The estimated reduction target in waste to landfill in 2008-09 was 35,000 tonnes and the actual result achieved in 2008-09 was 57,100 tonnes. Data indicates that in the same year, there was also a decrease in the total waste generated in South Australia which may be attributed to the global financial crisis. In 2008-09, the total waste generated decreased by 116,047 tonnes compared with 2007-08, in spite of population growth. However, total waste generated in the two previous financial years (2006-07 and 2005-06) had increased by 162,657 and 25,050 tonnes, respectively.

Total annual tonnages of waste to landfill during 2009-10 was 1,035,172 tonnes. The 2009-10 target reduction of 35,000 tonnes in waste to landfill was surpassed by an actual result of 41,000.”