

**INNOVATION, TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2018**

Public Departmental Briefing

**Question Taken on Notice
No. 1**

Asked on Monday, 17 September 2018

QUESTION:

What is the amount of interstate waste dumped in Queensland in the years following the removal of the waste levy in 2012 and how does this compare to when the levy was in place?

ANSWER:

A waste levy was in place in Queensland during 2011-2012. The Department of Environment and Science only has reliable data on the movement of waste into Queensland for landfill disposal from the 2013-14 financial year onwards.

The combined total of recorded interstate waste from the 2013-14 period to date is approximately 2,231,000 tonnes including:

- 2013-14 – 400,000 tonnes;
- 2014-15 – 353,000 tonnes;
- 2015-16 – 566,000 tonnes; and
- 2016-17 – 912,000 tonnes.

Prior to this, private landfill site operators who participated in a voluntary survey reported receiving 135,000 tonnes of interstate waste during the 2012-13 financial year. If this quantity is included, the total quantity received would be 2,366,000 tonnes.