

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 797

asked on Thursday, 31 October 2013

MS TRAD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION (MR POWELL)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) reveal the amount of funding the Queensland Government has contributed to the Australian Packaging Covenant in 2012-13 and 2013-14 to date (listed separately) and (b) list all grants aimed at reducing waste that the department, either through the APC or not, has made to private companies in these financial years (including the purpose, receipt and amount of the grant)?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Newman Government has continued a commitment to the Australian Packaging Covenant, which, over the past 12 years has contributed to a 68% increase in packaging recycling and a 36% reduction in waste to landfill.

Table 1 indicates annual membership contributions to APC for each financial year from 2009-10 to 2013-14.

Table 1: Annual contributions to APC from 2009-10 to 2013-14

Year	Amount
2013-14	\$33,735
2012-13	\$35,625
2011-12	\$35,625
2010-11	\$35,625
2009-10	\$35,625

As per the partnership agreement, in 2012-2013 EHP received a reimbursement of \$260,000 from the APC as its contribution to the Queensland Schools Recycling Project.

- (b) Through the association with APC and consistent with practices under the former Labor government, the department has provided grants funding to private companies during the 2012-13 financial year.

Grants are provided for the express purpose of increasing recycling business activity and reducing waste disposed of in landfill. Details of these grants are provided in Tables 2–6 below.

Table 2: Funding contributed to private companies in 2013-14

Recipient	Project Description	Funding Provided (\$)
Keep Australia Beautiful	Development of the National Litter Index report	22,346

Table 3: Funding contributed to private companies in 2012-13

Recipient	Project Description	Funding Provided (\$)
Repeat Plastics Australia Pty Ltd	Establishment of a state of the art plastic waste recycling facility in south east Queensland. The facility will use post-consumer plastic waste for the production of a range of mostly timber substitute sustainable products (bollards initially). The initial operation will provide capacity to meet existing market expectations of 600 tonnes p.a. of finished product in the first year.	162,500
Keep Australia Beautiful	Development of the National Litter Index report	22,346
Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR)	Review and Update Industry Recycling Materials Specifications Manual and Recycling Guides for Manufacturers in Consumer Packaging (Materials Specifications Guidelines).	8,140
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Increasing access to Away from Home Recycling across Colonial Regional and Urban Mixed Use and Retail Shopping Centres	10,000
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Quick Service In-Store Recycling Project – YUM Foods	4,375
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Development of a Sustainable Packaging web-based e-learning training application for use by business.	4,500
Advanced Plant Nutrition Pty Ltd	Glass fertilizer – horticultural field trials of silica based fertilizers for cotton crops.	5,000

Table 4: Funding contributed to private companies in 2011-12

Recipient	Project Description	Funding Provided (\$)
Transpacific Industries	Commercial and Industrial Packaging Recycling project focussing on small to medium size businesses.	28,324
Queensland Glass Recycling Pty Ltd	Establishment of a glass recovery plant in the Brisbane region.	70,000
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Westfield Out and About Recycling Project in 6 shopping centres in Queensland	13,670
Advanced Plant Nutrition Pty Ltd	Glass fertilizer – horticultural field trials	5,000
Plastics and Chemicals Industry Association	National Plastics Recycling Survey 2010-11	7,000

Table 5: Funding contributed to private companies in 2010-11

Recipient	Project Description	Funding Provided (\$)
Transpacific Industries	Commercial and Industrial Packaging Recycling project focussing on small to medium size businesses	62,236
Queensland Glass Recycling Pty Ltd	Establishment of a glass recovery plant in the Brisbane region.	35,000
AMCOR Packaging	AMCOR Recycle@Work program targeted at recycling participation by small to medium sized businesses	8,000
COLMAX Recycling	Establishment of a glass fines processing facility in Brisbane.	120,000
Advanced Plant Nutrition Pty Ltd	Development of a pilot plant in Toowoomba for production of glass based fertilizer.	70,000
Islanders Board of Industry and service	Cape York and Torres Strait islands cardboard recycling program.	39,000
Hamilton Island Enterprises Ltd	Establishment of a recycling and glass crushing facility on Hamilton Island.	15,000

Royal National Association Queensland	Public Place Recycling Project	18,181
Brisbane Airport Corporation	Public Place Recycling Project	3,636
Keep Australia Beautiful	Development of the National Litter Index report	21,136

Table 6: Funding contributed to private companies in 2009-10

Recipient	Project Description	Funding Provided (\$)
Queensland Glass Recycling Pty Ltd	Establishment of a glass recovery plant in the Brisbane region.	70,000
AMCOR Packaging	AMCOR Recycle@Work program targeted at recycling participation by small to medium sized businesses	32,000
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Bottlecycler back of house Glass Recycling project	12,800
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Quick Service In-Store Recycling Project – YUM Foods	15,000
Australian Food and Grocery Council	Westfield Out and About Recycling Project in 6 shopping centres in Queensland	15,000
Keep Australia Beautiful	Development of the National Litter Index report	20,500
The Good Guys	Expanded Polystyrene Recycling Project	10,000
Virgin Blue	Public Place Recycling Project	18,182
Lend Lease Property Management	Public Place Recycling Project at Caneland Central Shopping Centre Mackay	20,000
MIRVAC	Public Place Recycling Project at Hinkler Central Shopping Centre Bundaberg	10,000
Waste Management Association of Australia	Alternative Covers Assessment Program for landfill gas reduction and enhancement	10,000