

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 374

asked on 22 March 2018

MS F SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's proposed waste tax—
Will the Minister advise (a) whether the Queensland Small Business Advisory Council has been consulted and (b) if so, what was the feedback from the Council?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is consulting closely with the business community in the development of Queensland's waste management strategy (the strategy) through the Stakeholder Advisory Group (the Group).

The Group, which met for the first time on 23 March 2018, has been established to provide strategic advice to the government to help inform a comprehensive resource recovery, recycling and waste management strategy.

The Group membership comprises key representatives from the business community and the waste industry, including Sustainable Business Australia, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ), Master Builders Association Queensland, Australian Industry Group, Local Government Association of Queensland, Australian Council of Recycling, Waste Recycling Industry Association (Queensland), and the Waste Management Association of Australia.

CCIQ and the Australian Industry Group are also represented on the Queensland Small Business Advisory Council.

As part of its work in providing advice on development of the strategy, the Group will play an important role in providing input into the design of supporting programs.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of consulting with the business community during this process; to plan the best way forward for waste management; and, to ensure a robust framework is put in place that addresses the recommendations of Justice Peter Lyons QC, outlined in the "*Investigation into the transfer of interstate waste into Queensland - Final Report*".

The Palaszczuk Government also partners with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry to support EcoBiz, - a service which helps businesses save money while reducing their environmental foot print.