

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1395**

**Asked on Tuesday, 29 November 2022**

**MR S O'CONNOR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister detail how many liquid paperboard containers (poppers) have been collected by Container Exchange since the container deposit scheme commenced and outline any relevant information the department has on (a) what recycling facilities there are in Queensland which have the ability to or are currently recycling these poppers (reported separately by region) and (b) whether every popper collected has been able to be recycled at one of these facilities?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

Container Exchange (COEX) has advised that, since the launch of Containers for Change on 1 November 2018, Queenslanders have returned 116 million eligible liquid paperboard containers.

Eligible liquid paperboard containers are those that have held flavoured milk, water and juice, including 'poppers'. As at 31 October 2022, this has delivered \$11.6 million in refunds to customers, charities and community groups.

Currently there are no facilities located in Queensland that recycle liquid paperboard. However, we are currently working with industry to explore opportunities to recycle this waste stream in Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government is fast-tracking Queensland's transition to a zero-waste state through a \$1.1 billion Recycling and Jobs Fund.

This is the largest investment in waste management and recycling in Queensland's history and will support increased household recycling, help build new resource recovery infrastructure, and create more good jobs in more industries.