



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Cost of sending waste to landfill

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Ms Kitchen took on notice the following question(s):

MS CLAY: That is really positive news. How much are we paying to send waste to landfill?

THE CHAIR: Ms Clay, that will be the last, just in the interest of time.

MS CLAY: Okay, sure.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Ms Kitchen: We have got a per capita head bigger in the figures.

THE CHAIR: Do you want to come back to that so we—

MS CLAY: Yes, come back to it.

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The estimated operating cost of Mugga Lane Landfill in the 2025-26 Budget was \$27.54 per tonne of waste received. The actual result as at 30 June was \$28.09 per tonne.

This cost reflects the day-to-day operating expenses of the landfill, including site operations, weighbridge staffing, and repairs and maintenance. It is calculated by dividing these annual operating costs by the total amount of waste disposed of at the landfill during the year.

It also does not include capital costs, such as cell construction, rehabilitation and major infrastructure upgrades.

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA