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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
MS TARA CHEYNE MLA (CHAIR), CANDICE BURCH MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JAMES MILLIGAN MLA

Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Wednesday 13 November 2019

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA:

In relation to: Instances where final destination for waste movement was ACT

MS LEE: Right. Do we have any instances of where it is the final destination in the ACT?

Mr Pryce: From interstate, you mean?

MS LEE: Yes.

Mr Pryce: I think we would have to check with TCCS.

Mrs Sargent: I will have to just double check, but generally it would be going out of the ACT into New South Wales, not vice versa.

MS LEE: Right. So should I ask—put that on notice for the TCCS or—

Mr Pryce: We can take it on notice—

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is responsible for the implementation and administration of the National Environment Protection (Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories) Measure (the NEPM). The provisions of the NEPM are implemented through the *Environment Protection Act 1997* and *Environment Protection Regulation 2005*.

The EPA monitors the movement of controlled or regulated waste into and out of the ACT. Movements of controlled waste out of the ACT are done in accordance with the receiving jurisdictions requirements. Movements of controlled waste into the ACT are approved by the EPA who issue a Consignment Authorisation (CA) with the waste tracked manually using a five docket waste transport certificate.

During the reporting year, 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, the EPA issued 57 CAs which resulted in 643 movements, recorded at the time of annual reporting. This is controlled waste which has come into the ACT for storage, processing, treatment, re-cycling or disposal.



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For the majority of these movements of controlled wastes, the ACT is the final destination, however often in cases like transformer oil and waste oils it is stored to be later transferred to another receiving facility in NSW or QLD for processing. This movement is then captured in the reporting for controlled waste leaving the ACT.

For the total number of general waste movements into the ACT, this information is collected by ACT NoWaste in Transport Canberra & City Services under the *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016* and Waste Management Strategy 2011 – 2025.

The Mugga landfill receives red-lidded bin waste from the Queanbeyan Council area (not Palerang residents). This is accepted at the legislated landfill gate fee of \$168.90 per tonne.

Various other ACT facilities receive waste from NSW for initial processing, before being transported interstate for further processing. An example is the Hume Material Recovery Facility, which receives Container Deposit Scheme materials from NSW, where it is baled and then shipped interstate for further processing. These wastes, along with QC waste, are not defined as controlled wastes and need no approval from the ACT EPA to enter the ACT.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

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By the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA