



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**QTON No. 33**

**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**  
**15 November 2019**

Asked by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA:

In relation to: Amount of Waste Volume In Terms of Container Types

**Mr Steel:** It is consistent to the other jurisdictions in terms of the rules of the scheme, particularly in New South Wales, and looking at expansion of the scheme to things like wine bottles has actually been the one that has been—where the states have agreed to work together on, whether we could expand it to wine bottles, which are not currently included.

**Ms Lee:** No.

**Mr Steel:** Yes.

**Ms Lee:** if there is further detail on the break-down, if you can provide that on notice, but I mean, I will understand if you cannot go to that finer detail.

**Mr Steel:** Yes.

**Mr Chris Steel MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In 2018-19 there were 72.5 million containers recycled under the ACT Container Deposit Scheme. This comprises 27.3 million containers that were collected through the network of collection points, and 42.2 million containers received at the Hume Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

Breakdown of container types collected and recycled in 2018-19:

| Container Material Type | Total      | % rate of redemption on total eligible containers supplied to the Territory |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aluminium               | 28,598,281 | 19.84%                                                                      |
| Glass                   | 21,505,097 | 14.92%                                                                      |
| HDPE                    | 1,489,945  | 1.03%                                                                       |
| PET                     | 20,420,546 | 14.17%                                                                      |
| Liquid paperboard       | 548,600    | 0.38%                                                                       |

|                 |            |        |
|-----------------|------------|--------|
| Steel           | 15,197     | 0.01%  |
| Other materials | 1,946      | 0.00%  |
| Total           | 72,579,612 | 50.36% |

Discussions are already underway with other jurisdictions to consider expanding the scope of container types covered by Australia's Container Deposit Schemes; possible additional container types include wine and spirit bottles. Harmonising schemes and collaborating to achieve this objective has been agreed to by Environment Ministers.

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

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By the Minister for Recycling and Waste Reduction, Chris Steel MLA