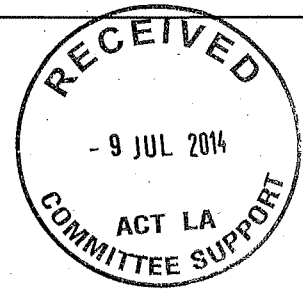




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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS
ESD No 20**

Asked by Brendan Smyth, MLA on 24 June 2014: Minister Corbell, MLA, for the Environment and Sustainable Development took on notice the following questions: In relation to the container deposit scheme:

Ref: Hansard Transcript Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015, 24 June 2014, pg 105

What percentage of containers is covered by such a scheme are already recycled in the ACT?

Minister Corbell, MLA, for the Environment and Sustainable Development: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

ACT NOWaste, within the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate, maintain data on the amount of waste sent to the Territory's landfill and resources that are recovered through ACT recycling centres and programs. However, ACT NOWaste has advised that it does not keep specific data on the current recycling rate of containers that would be covered by a Container Recycling Scheme. According to ACT NOWaste, the Territory recovers more than 70% of reusable material through the existing Material Recovery Facility at Mugga Lane.

Litter audits conducted by the Keep Australia Beautiful organisation indicate that the ACT has a litter rate of 55 items per 1000m², equal to that of South Australia where a Container Deposit Scheme has been in operation since 1977. On a per capita basis, the ACT has the lowest litter rates in Australia.

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Date:

By the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

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1. Answers to QToNs should be lodged in signed hard copy (not emailed) to the Committee Support office within **5 working days of the hearing day when the question was taken on notice**. Day 1 is the first working day after the day of the hearing in which the question is taken on notice. *Example: If the question is taken on notice on Monday, the answer should be submitted by close of business the following Monday (even if the hearings for the portfolio stretch across several days).*
2. Where an answer provides a referral to sources of information in published documents, the answer should include the name of the document, the author and / or agency publishing the document, page number/s, and a hyperlink to the document, if applicable.