

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

**Date:** 30 November 2017  
**Subject:** Kalkarindji container deposit scheme  
**From:** Mr Terry Mills  
**To:** Hon. Lauren Moss MLA  
**Agency:** Environment and Natural Resources

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**Question:** You mentioned the Kalkarindji container deposit scheme on page 23 or 25. It says a grant was provided to the Victoria Daly Regional Council for a can crushing machine. Did the Community receive payment for the containers based on each container or on the weight of the aluminium?

**Answer:** The Victoria Daly Regional Council (VDRC) received the payment for the can crushing machine based on the merit of the grant application which demonstrated it would lessen the impact on landfill and reduce transport costs for exporting the crushed cans from a remote community to the closest processing plant.

The VDRC is a collection point for the container deposit scheme. Collection points are places where members of the public can donate their containers. A collection point may be a school, a sports club or local store, for example. No redemption is payable to the public by a collection point. The collection point seeks the refund for the containers through a depot or a coordinator licensed under the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act*. The Act does not licence collection points.

It is understood that the VDRC has a commercial arrangement in place with BevCon, a licensed Container Deposit Scheme coordinator whereby crushed cans are provided to BevCon for a refund. The refund is based on 10 cents for each crushed can based on an agreed average weight of a can. It is further understood that the majority of the cans collected by the VDRC originate from the local club in Kalkarindji and are predominantly of one brand.

All refunds collected by VDRC goes back into the community.