

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Tuesday, 15 August 2017**

**C420. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport**

I refer to a story titled 'Bin Ban' which aired on GWN News Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and ask:

1. Has the decision to remove bins from rest areas throughout the Kimberley region increased the amount of roadside rubbish and illegal dumping?
2. If no to (1), has there been a reduction in the amount of roadside rubbish and illegal dumping through the region?
3. Has the decision to remove bins from rest areas throughout the Kimberley region had a meaningful impact on the expenditure of Main Roads on rubbish collection?
4. Was the purpose of the exercise to reduce the amount of time and resources Main Roads spent on rubbish collection in the Kimberley, or to reduce the overall impact of rubbish across the Kimberley?

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**Answer**

1. No, Main Roads is monitoring road verges and there has been no noticeable increase in the amount of road side litter.
2. Yes, routine inspections have noted that loose litter in parking bays is typically 50 per cent less than when the litter bins were present. ✓
3. Yes, an average monthly reduction of 30 per cent to costs associated with Litter Maintenance activities has been achieved. ✓
4. Main Roads' State-wide Litter Plan aims to reduce the occurrence of litter and illegal dumping, and is working with the Keep Australia Beautiful Council, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions in a multi-agency approach to combat litter. Any cost savings are being directed to critical maintenance activities of the actual road assets.

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