

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

923. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the minister's media statement of 13 June 2021 in which she announced that the plan for plastics developed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and unveiled by her predecessor, Hon Stephen Dawson, in November 2020, would be fast-tracked by four years.

- (1) What industrial technological, logistical and/or economic change has occurred in the domain of single-use plastics from November last year to June this year that would allow the plan to be so rapidly expedited?
- (2) When did the minister make the decision to fast-track the plan and upon whose advice was the decision made?
- (3) If the decision was informed by a departmental briefing or other formal advice, can the minister please table that information?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

Honourable member, I did see the question yesterday but it is not in my file today. Hopefully, the advisers are watching and if there is an answer, I will provide it later in the day.