

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

1032. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I again refer to categories of single-use plastic listed under stage 1 of the fast-tracked Plan for Plastics.

- (1) Has the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation been made aware of any potential difficulties in meeting the minister's stage 1 deadline for phasing out single-use plastics?
- (2) If yes to (1), which category will be difficult to phase out by the end of this calendar year and what contingency plans are being considered?
- (3) Has DWER advised the minister or her office in respect of the matters pertaining to (1) and (2) above?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation received submissions from stakeholders on the implementation of stage 1 of the Plan for Plastics. Stakeholder feedback broadly supported the bans. Industry, particularly retailers and suppliers, has sought consideration of the supply chain for single-use plastic cups and bowls, thick plastic bags and plastic-lined plates. The department is progressing options where evidence of supply chain issues is provided.
- (3) Yes.