

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

1064. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to those categories of single-use and disposable plastics that will be banned by the end of this year under stage 1 of the minister's fast-tracked Western Australia's Plan for Plastics.

- (1) Which specific supply chain issues have retailers and suppliers identified to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation as requiring "consideration"?
- (2) Will this "consideration" extend to revising the date on which the ban on single-use plastic cups, bowls, thick plastic bags and plastic-lined plates comes into effect?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) The supply chain issues relate to availability of alternatives as a result of COVID-19.
- (2) These items remain in stage 1 of the Plan for Plastics, which will commence on 1 January 2022.