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**690. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

- (1) Is the Minister for the Environment aware that some independent fuel retailers, including Gull Petroleum (WA) Pty Ltd, are lobbying her cabinet colleagues to relax Western Australia's restrictions on methyl tertiary butyl ether in fuel?
- (2) Further to question on notice 118 of 28 August 2001, can the Minister for the Environment assure me that she does not intend to relax the current restrictions on MTBE in motor fuel sold in WA?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I am assured that the Minister for the Environment and Heritage supports Western Australia's stringent fuel quality standards.