

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

331. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to stage 2 of Western Australia's Plan for Plastics, phasing out nine single-use plastic items.

- (1) How is the government supporting businesses to transition to sustainable alternatives?
- (2) As part of this transition, are there any plans to support trials or the scaling up of hemp-based bioplastics?
- (3) How will the government enforce the regulations?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The government is supporting businesses through the design of the regulations, which will provide transition periods and a dedicated retailer and supplier education program.
- (2) The Plan for Plastics does not seek to support any specific non-plastic alternatives. A range of suitable non-plastic alternative products are available as substitutes for single-use items.
- (3) The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is responsible for enforcing the regulations. As with stage 1, the department will take an education-first approach to compliance to assist businesses with their transition to sustainable alternatives.