

SOFT PLASTICS — STOCKPILING

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

I refer to the establishment of the soft plastics industry task force involving Coles, Woolworths and Aldi, in response to the collapse of the REDcycle program.

- (1) Does the task force have any input directly from the WA government?
- (2) Is the task force positioned to identify adequate solutions for managing WA's soft plastics, particularly in the many country towns across WA that do not have a Coles, Woolworths or Aldi?
- (3) Are soft plastics in WA currently being stockpiled in a hazardous manner, as was recently reported to be happening in New South Wales?

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) No, the task force is an industry-led initiative and the WA government is not directly involved.
- (2) The current focus of the task force is nationwide with consideration of broad options for collection of soft plastics.
- (3) The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is investigating potential stockpiles of bailed soft plastics.