

PLASTIC WASTE — MANAGEMENT

**1562. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I note that hundreds of tonnes of plastic waste are exported from Western Australia to countries like Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.

- (1) What mechanism does the minister have to ensure that the waste is being recycled?
- (2) Does the minister have any reports from the companies that exported the waste that provide evidence of the recycling of that waste?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the minister please table the reports?

**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 Australian government introduced export controls on plastics in 2020. Since 1 July 2022, only plastic that has been sorted into single resin or polymer type and further processed—for example, flaked or pelletised plastics—can be approved for export by the Australian government. Single resin plastics are high quality and highly sought after to provide feedstock for plastic manufacturing.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.