

619. ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING CREDENTIALS, ASSISTANCE IN CERTIFICATION
Hon Jim Scott to the Attorney General representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) What forms of assistance is the Government providing to local businesses who wish to get their products certified under ISO 14040 environmental purchasing credentials for the American and European markets?
- (2) What action is the Minister for the Environment taking to install a similar purchasing system for State Government purchases?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection does not provide assistance to local businesses that wish to get their products or services certified to Australian Standards ISO 14040. The Department of Commerce and Trade provides general advice and guidance to small business seeking accreditation to Australian Standard ISO 14000 series.
- (2) The responsibility for setting purchasing policy and guidelines for State Government rests with the State Supply Commission.