

CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION, INTRODUCTION

2325. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Has the Government investigated the value of container deposit legislation as promised?
- (2) If yes, is the report available?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Does the Government intend to introduce container deposit legislation similar to that which is operating successfully in South Australia?
- (5) If yes, when?
- (6) If not, why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) Yes. The Department of Environment (DoE) has reviewed the recommendations of Australian and international studies into the advantages and disadvantages of container deposit legislation (CDL). A report was prepared for the Waste Management Board.
- (2) The report could be made available on request to the Waste Management Board.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Western Australia is constrained in implementing CDL in this State by the National Competition Policy. Any such measure would need to be implemented at a National level. It should be noted that South Australian legislation predates the National Competition Policy.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) See answer to (4).