

ENVIRONMENT — SOFT PLASTICS RECYCLING

1578. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the fact that 13–19 November 2023 was National Recycling Week and note that on the Woolworths website, one of the members of the national Soft Plastics Taskforce stated that an in-store collection pilot will be rolled out in selected stores in late 2023 provided that REDcycle's existing stockpiles can be cleared prior, and that the new program will be gradually rolled out in 2024.

- (1) Has the stockpile of soft plastics in WA been cleared?
- (2) Does the government have any updates on plans for pilots or the rolling out of soft plastics recycling in supermarkets in WA?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) There have been in-supermarket and kerbside bin collection trials of post-consumer soft plastics in the eastern states. These trials considered collection systems, material contamination and traceability issues. Western Australia is able to draw upon these learnings. The WA government is aware that members of the national Soft Plastics Taskforce may be considering further trials.