

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

C008. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the news article “plastic packaging overkill irks minister” published in the West Australian on Saturday 13 October 2018 and ask:

1. Given the minister stated he would not rule out going it alone and banning the packaging of products such as fruit and vegetables, would the minister also not rule out going it alone and banning all single-use plastic bags, not just light-weight single use plastic bags?
2. If no to (1), why not?

Answer

1. As I responded to the Honourable Member’s question C904 on 9 October 2018, Western Australia and other States and Territories are working with retailers to explore options to reduce thicker plastic shopping bags. I will consider further action on this issue if there is not sufficient progress through the Meeting of Environment Ministers forum.

I have also stated publically on several occasions that we can do more to reduce other single use plastics in our community, and I have asked the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to establish a register of interested community members to help facilitate further consultation on this matter.

2. Not applicable


Hon Stephen Dawson MLC

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES