

PLASTIC BAGS — BAN

141. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 77 asked on 20 March 2012.

- (1) What is the government doing to encourage voluntary take-up of biodegradable and reusable bags by customers and retailers?
- (2) Following the minister's comments on 6PR's Drive program on Thursday, 22 March 2012, when he appeared not to support a Western Australian bill, and his advice to the house last week that "it would be premature to introduce similar legislation in WA before the results of the review are available", when will the government introduce legislation banning plastic bags in Western Australia?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) I refer the honourable member to the response to question without notice 77 on 20 March 2012 and advise that the government is still waiting for the outcome of the South Australian review of legislation banning plastic bags before it considers whether such a ban is warranted in Western Australia.