

Environment and Communications Legislation
Answers to questions on notice
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Committee: Environment and Communications Legislation
Inquiry: Inquiry into the Recycling and Waste Bills 2020
Question No: 1
Hearing Date: 18 September 2020
Division/Agency: Environment Protection Division (EPD)
Topic: Tax to apply to plastic packaging produced in Australia, or imported into Australia
Question Date: 18 September 2020
Question Type: Written

Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

1. Has the Department considered a tax, similar to that in the UK, to apply to plastic packaging produced in Australia, or imported into Australia, that does not contain at least 20 percent recycled plastic (the target under the 2025 National Packaging Targets)?

Answer:

No.

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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

2. Given plastic packaging currently falls under the NEPM, would the Minister have the power to place plastic packaging on the Product Priority List under the new legislation?

Answer:

The *Recycling and Waste Reduction Bill 2020* does not preclude materials considered under National Environment Protection Measures being included on the Minister's Priority List.