



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Ref: Single-use Plastic Phase Out, Budget Paper H, Page 3

In relation to: Single-use Plastic Ban

1. On the phase-out of single-use plastic, can you please confirm whether businesses that have single-use plastic products in bulk are able to use their remaining stock until they run out, even after the ban came into place on July 1?
 - a) Has any business been fined for not complying with the ban since its introduction?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. While the *Plastic Reduction Act 2021* does not specify transitional arrangements for businesses to supply existing stocks of banned items to their customers after July 2021, in practice an educative approach has been taken with business on the matter. Businesses were encouraged to use up their stock of prohibited plastic before the deadline on 1 July 2021.
 - a) No.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA