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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA : To ask the Minister for Climate Action

Ref: Climate Action, Hearing: Monday 24th July, 1400 - 1500

Hearing Date: 24/07/2023

In relation to: Fireplaces, charcoal grills and woodfired pizza ovens

(1) In relation to the policy discussions around fireplaces and their potential ban or replacement, has there been any discussion around the businesses that use charcoal or wood to cook food such as charcoal chicken takeaways or woodfired pizza restaurants?

(a) If so, what has been the nature of those discussions?

(2) In relation to the policy discussions around fireplaces, have there been any formal discussions that included consideration of restricting or changing the business practices of any business that uses burns charcoal or wood to produce their goods?

Mr Andrew Barr MLA : The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The focus of government discussions on the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment's investigation into wood heaters has been the recommendations in the Commissioner's report. These recommendations apply only to the use of wood heaters for heating and do not apply to the use of charcoal or wood for cooking. While the Government encourages businesses and households to use forms of cooking that are sustainable and least harmful to the environment, there are no current plans for changing current regulations on the use of wood or charcoal for cooking purposes. The response to the Commissioner's investigation will be tabled in August 2023.
2. See above.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Climate Action, Andrew Barr MLA

