

RESPONSIBLE PARENTING ORDERS

417. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Given the fact that for the past two years no agency has made an application under the provisions of the Parental Support and Responsibility Act 2008 for a responsible parenting order, is the minister intending to remove these provisions from the act?
- (2) Is this removal included in the joint agency proposal for amendment to the Parental Support and Responsibility Act 2008 referred to in the Department for Child Protection and Family Support's annual report?
- (3) What other changes to the act are canvassed in the joint agency proposal?
- (4) Will the minister table the joint agency proposal; and, if not, why not?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Amendments are being drafted to repeal the Parental Support and Responsibility Act 2008, which will remove orders. However, provisions for responsible parenting agreements will be transferred into the Children and Community Services Act 2004.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Measures for making responsible parenting agreements more effective are discussed in the "Report of the Legislative Review of the Children and Community Services Act 2004", which was tabled in the Legislative Council on 29 November 2012.
- (4) The proposals for repeal of the act and the introduction of responsible parenting agreements under the Children and Community Services Act 2004 are outlined in the report tabled in Parliament in 2012, tabled paper 5434.