

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS

**132. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:**

I refer to the deputy coroner's report on the death of Aishwarya Aswath and the recommendation that the WA government consider the introduction of safe harbour provisions to protect nurses from Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency investigations. Does the Premier support the introduction of this legislation to protect nurses when an adverse event occurs when known risks in the workplace have been identified and not rectified by the employer; and, if so, when will such legislation be introduced?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

The recommendation will be carefully considered by the government. Obviously, we need to balance a range of factors. We have not made any decision on it, but it would need to be considered at a national level as well we are advised. AHPRA is a national body created under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law. It would therefore need some further consideration before it could be implemented.