

SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2014

**799. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the Minister for Commerce:**

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Kate Doust, who is away on urgent parliamentary business. I refer to the commonwealth Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 that was read into the Parliament of Australia on 19 March 2014.

- (1) Is the minister aware that both the Northern Territory and Queensland governments have made detailed submissions to the commonwealth Parliament in relation to this bill?
- (2) If yes to (1), does the minister agree with the points raised in the submissions?
- (3) If no to (1), why was the minister not aware of these submissions?
- (4) Can the minister please explain why no submission was made to the commonwealth Parliament on behalf of Western Australia in relation to the bill?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

On behalf of the Minister for Commerce, who is unfortunately away on urgent parliamentary business, I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The member will need to be more specific as to which points she is referring to. I also draw the member's attention to Legislative Council standing order 105, which stipulates that questions, amongst other things, should not seek an opinion.
- (3) WorkCover WA participated in discussions with the commonwealth Department of Employment during the development of the bill. WorkCover WA is maintaining a watching brief and is well aware of the general views of jurisdictions and other stakeholders.
- (4) See the answer to part (3). I note that only two jurisdictions made submissions.