

STRATA COMPANY MANAGERS — LICENSING

650. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the minister's letter in March 2011 to Strata Community Australia that gave a commitment to undertake public consultation on the issue of licensing strata company managers, and to his department's website, which states that consultation will commence in the first half of 2011.

- (1) When did the consultation commence and when will it be completed?
- (2) When will a discussion paper be released and when will the minister table a copy?
- (3) If consultation has not begun, why not; and what is the time line for the consultation process and release of the consultation results?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. In responding, I point out to members that this relates to the national occupational licensing system that has been mentioned before in this place. I think the question also draws from a letter which I believe was forwarded to probably all members of this Parliament late last week and about which I will provide information under separate cover to all members for their information. In response to the question at hand, I advise —

- (1) It has not commenced.
- (2) A discussion paper is expected to be released in October, and I will table a copy of that discussion paper at that time.
- (3) Public consultation on the various categories of licences to be implemented under national occupational licensing, including property occupations, was to have been undertaken by the commonwealth in July this year. My department intended consultation on the licensing of strata company managers to occur in tandem with this consultation because of the close linkages between the two issues. However, the commonwealth has delayed its consultation until October 2011, at which time it is intended that consultation on the licensing of strata company managers in Western Australia will commence.