

BUILDING SERVICES LEVY BILL 2010

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Simon O'Brien (Minister for Commerce)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Commerce) [10.22 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Building Services Levy Bill introduces a levy payable on building, demolition and occupancy permits and building approval certificates. The bill allows for a levy to be imposed in accordance with clause 94 of the Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Bill.

The levy is to be used for funding the Building Commission as a strong central auditor and regulator to ensure registered practitioners behave professionally and deliver high standards of work; implement a new complaints system delivered through the Building Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal; monitor the building industry for compliance with building laws and standards; build the capacity of registered building surveyors and specialist certifiers to deliver services in the private market; develop electronic approval processes; and educate industry, local governments and the community about the new laws.

In summary, the bill forms the final part of a suite of four bills designed to introduce and fund a modernised and efficient building system for Western Australia. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.