

ASBESTOS DISEASES COMPENSATION BILL 2013 — REINTRODUCTION

729. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to my question without notice of 17 May 2017 regarding the McGowan government's intentions concerning asbestos diseases compensation legislation.

- (1) When will Labor's Asbestos Diseases Compensation Bill 2013, which reached the Committee of the Whole stage and which the then Labor opposition claimed was important and urgent and had no need for amendment, but lapsed with the prorogation of Parliament, be reintroduced now that the McGowan government has the ability to ensure its swift passage?
- (2) Why has the government not reintroduced the bill to date?
- (3) Is it because the bill was unsatisfactory; and, if so, in what respects?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The recommendations that came out of the June 2016 Law Reform Commission of Western Australia's "Provisional Damages and Damages for Gratuitous Services: Final Report: Project 106" were referred to the Insurance Commission of Western Australia for economic and financial analysis. The office of the Attorney General received a summary of the economic and financial analysis and associated advice on 15 August 2018. The McGowan government will make a decision on any future reform after consideration of this advice.