

**UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Questions on Notice 3076 and 3123 — Answer Advice*

**HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral — Leader of the House)** [5.03 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3076 and 3123 asked by Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development will be answered in due course.

**Hon Ken Travers:** You are a disgrace. I never gave answers like that and you know it.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Let us get on with the answers.

**Hon Ken Travers:** You make a mockery of the rules of this place.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**Hon NORMAN MOORE:** I do not intend to respond to that ridiculous comment made by the member. I will go back through *Hansard* and drag out the literally hundreds of statements given in similar terms or the same terms as I am giving to the member now. He should not call me a disgrace when his government used those terms day after day.

**Hon Ken Travers:** Check how many times you got upset about it too.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!

**Hon NORMAN MOORE:** Does the member want to know about these or not?

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! We are completing the section on questions on notice, and we are now getting some answers. It is not a time to make statements.

*Questions on Notice 3107 and 3154 — Answer Advice*

**HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral — Leader of the House)** [5.04 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3107 and 3154 asked by Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Treasurer will be answered in due course.

*Questions on Notice 3074, 3121, 3155 and 3156 — Answer Advice*

**HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral — Leader of the House)** [5.04 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3074, 3121, 3155 and 3156 asked by Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Premier will be answered in due course.

*Questions on Notice 3036, 3055, 3075 and 3122 — Answer Advice*

**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Finance)** [5.05 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3036, 3055, 3075 and 3122 asked by Hon Ken Travers to the parliamentary secretary representing the Treasurer will be answered in due course.

*Questions on Notice 3029, 3039, 3042, 3044, 3046, 3048, 3050, 3052, 3058, 3059 and 3064 — Answer Advice*

**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Finance)** [5.06 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3029, 3039, 3042, 3044, 3046, 3048, 3050, 3052, 3058, 3059 and 3064 asked by Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport will be answered in due course.

*Point of Order*

**Hon KEN TRAVERS:** Mr President, I know we have had debates in this house over the years and I remember the Leader of the Opposition complaining about it but standing order 138(d) states that ministers need to state “whether an answer will be provided and when that will occur”. Any ordinary interpretation of “when that will occur” would mean giving a specific date, not a never-ending comment such as “in due course”. I note that the rest of standing order 138(d) gives a specific time frame in which a question has to be answered, being within nine sitting days. I thought that either a date or the number of sitting days in which the answer will be provided would be a requirement. I ask you to consider that as a ruling for the house. I would argue that to give an answer in due course could mean that it never gets answered.

**Hon NORMAN MOORE:** The standing order has been interpreted since it was brought in. I think Hon John Cowdell was the instigator of this standing order. The words that we have used today have been used ever since the standing order was introduced. If, however, the member thinks that the government of the day should have a date, maybe it should state “and the date on which that will occur”. But that is not what the standing order states. It states “when that will occur” and at some time in the future is a time when that will occur. It is covered by the standing order. That clearly has been the interpretation of that standing order since it was brought in. If the

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member does not think it is a satisfactory standing order, he is entitled to suggest that it be changed so that a date must be provided of when it will be answered. The trouble with that is, as he and his colleagues who were ministers will know, that often we do not know the date when it will be provided, in which case this standing order covers the requirement that Hon John Coddell thought we should provide.

**The PRESIDENT:** While the standing order stipulates when it will occur, it does not stipulate in precise terms when it can occur in terms of a date and a time, so it is inevitably open to some sort of interpretation. In that sense, the answers given by a couple of ministers are relevant and fit standing order 138(d). The member who raised the point of order will be aware that we are currently rewriting the standing orders. If that is required, and the member is of such a view, he can put that point to the review so that the standing order states exactly when an answer has to be provided. My ruling in general is that even if members do not like it particularly, the answers given by the ministers do not contravene the standing order.

*Questions on Notice 3086, 3133, 3087, 3134, 3088 and 3135 — Answer Advice*

**HON PETER COLLIER (North Metropolitan — Minister for Energy)** [5.09 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3086 and 3133 asked by Hon Ken Travers of the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police, questions on notice 3087 and 3134 asked by Hon Ken Travers of the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services, and questions on notice 3088 and 3135 asked by Hon Ken Travers of the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Road Safety will be answered in due course.

*Questions on Notice 3094 and 3141 — Answer Advice*

**HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.10 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 138(d), I inform the house that questions on notice 3094 and 3141 asked by Hon Ken Travers of the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General will be answered in due course.