

RETIREMENT VILLAGES ACT — AMENDMENT

**140. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to the minister's advice to the house that he will introduce the Retirement Villages Act amendment bill before the end of the current parliamentary session.

- (1) What is the exact time frame for the introduction of this legislation?
- (2) What changes to the current framework are being planned?
- (3) When will the minister be able to inform the community of both the broad intentions of the bill and of specific measures to be introduced?
- (4) Will the minister now reassure the residents of retirement villages that the new provisions will not raise their cost of living or otherwise raise the level of their financial commitments nor will they impair the amenity of their retirement communities?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

- (1)–(4) The retirement village community would be well aware of how I have prioritised this legislation, even though it is an enormous job. I have demanded that we introduce legislation in this current parliamentary session. I am not prepared to wait any longer. As to the exact time frame, obviously that is subject to the normal cabinet processes, and I am sure the honourable member will appreciate that. I think the member wanted the detail of all the changes that are being made. In response, I would say that perhaps the member is not quite aware of them but I refer her to the numerous public statements I have made about the scope of what is being developed rather than take up the time of the house now. In relation to certain undertakings that the member is asking me to give sight unseen, without notice and without the opportunity to even reflect what on earth she means by some of the phrases that she used in about the fifth part of her question —

**Hon Kate Doust:** Fourth.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Very good. I would ask that the member give me some notice of those matters if she is interested in obtaining a response.

**Hon Kate Doust:** I am very interested and I will do so.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Well, then the member should have given me notice now.