

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

**497. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Youth:**

- (1) By what authority was a decision made to change the name of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards to the "Duke of Ed Awards" and who made this decision and when?
- (2) Has His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh given his consent to this renaming; and, if so, will the minister table any evidence of such consent; and, if not, why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award has not changed its name. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award has been operating for over 60 years. A number of branding names have occurred throughout this time. The "Duke of Ed Award" is the shortest acceptable use of the name in a branding sense. Within the United Kingdom, the award is called the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. In the other 130 countries where the award operates it must include the word "international", hence the name in Australia is the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.
- (2) In Australia, the national office of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award advises what names may and may not be used.

**Hon Simon O'Brien:** That does not answer the question.

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON:** Yes, it does.

**Hon Simon O'Brien:** I am sorry, it does not. Why does the minister sign off and present these when it does not do that?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON:** That answers the question. Goodness gracious!

**Hon Simon O'Brien** interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order, members! Unfortunately, we do not have supplementary questions as it happens in other places. If a member wants to seek further information, they should ask another question on another occasion.