

PREPAID FUNERALS — REGULATION

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

I refer to the report “Proposals for the Regulation of Prepaid Funerals”.

- (1) How many submissions did the Department of Commerce receive on this consultation paper?
- (2) Will the submissions be available on the department’s website; if so, when; and, if not, why not?
- (3) When is the final report likely to be completed?
- (4) Will the minister release the time frame for the implementation of the preferred option; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SIMON O’BRIEN replied:**

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

- (1) The Department of Commerce received 10 written submissions to the consultation paper.
- (2) Yes, submissions are currently being uploaded to the department’s website. When I framed this answer yesterday, I anticipated that they would be available this morning. When I checked the website, they were available last night, so the answer is yes, they are available.
- (3) The final document, the decision regulatory impact statement, is intended to be finalised by August 2012.
- (4) It is not possible to provide a response to this question until the preferred option is known and approved.