

GAS APPLIANCE RECTIFICATION PROGRAM

858. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the gas appliance rectification program administered by the Department of Commerce.

- (1) Is it correct that some people who have registered for this program have recently been advised that replacement of a gas appliance is now only applicable to pre-1975 appliances?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is it that has determined that appliances manufactured between 1975 and 1980 are now safe and do not need to be inspected or replaced?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for her question and her ongoing interest in this.

- (1)–(2) The program continues to apply to all pre-1980 appliances. Any statement to the contrary is incorrect. The inspection program has revealed safety issues in primarily pre-1975 appliances; however, the program continues to include pre-1980 appliances and, where appropriate, appliances are exchanged or serviced.