

GAS APPLIANCE RECTIFICATION PROGRAM

3799. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the Gas Appliance Rectification Program administered by the Department of Commerce, and I ask —

- (1) How many premises in Western Australia currently have gas appliances that could be affected?
- (2) How many consumers have registered to have their gas appliances checked, and of these, how many have already had the gas appliances checked?
- (3) Is there a closing date for consumers to register to have their gas appliances checked?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is that closing date?
- (5) How will you ensure that every gas appliance that could be considered unsafe will be checked and replaced or serviced by the time that broader specification gas starts to come on stream in early 2012?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1)–(2) Of the 24,183 registered premises all have been inspected, and approximately 10,000 will require replacement appliances, and 6,000 will require servicing.
- (3)–(4) The closing date for the program is December 2012
- (5) The broader specification gas will not be introduced to the market until the first quarter of 2013. Phase two of the program to replace and service appliances commenced in May 2011 and will continue in a prioritised fashion until December 2010. This phase includes a further communications program and regulatory amendments to require gas fitters to report appliances the subject of this program.