

SUNDAY TRADING — EXPANSION

479. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the Premier's letter to the Leader of the Opposition dated 16 September 2010 regarding the expansion of Sunday trading to include bulky goods and I also refer to the government's discussion paper released in October 2010.

- (1) Will the government proceed with these changes; and, if yes, when does the minister intend to introduce the necessary legislation to Parliament?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The government continues its evaluation of the merit of an expansion of Sunday trading specifically for durable goods, with particular regard to the practical implications of such a change, should it occur. I also observe that I made reference to the issue and gave some further explanation when closing the second reading debate on the Small Business and Retail Shop Legislation Amendment Bill last Thursday, if the honourable member would like to refer to *Hansard* to refresh her memory.