

COMMERCIAL TENANCY (RETAIL SHOPS) AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT ACT 2011

948. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer the minister to the Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Amendment Act 2011 and his department's website, which states that the amendments will come into effect in early 2013.

- (1) Why has the government taken so long to bring this act into effect?
- (2) In which month in 2013 will the act come into effect?
- (3) Will the minister guarantee that his government's budget saving measures will not further delay the protections provided in the amendment act?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Amendment Act 2011 is a significant piece of the Liberal–National Government's legislative agenda and commitment to small businesses. The regulations underpinning the act have required careful and complex drafting to ensure they deliver the protections as intended. I am pleased to announce to the house that the bill will be enacted on 1 January 2013.
- (3) Yes.