

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS — MESH ENCLOSURES

139. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:

I refer to reports that the government is expected to gazette the lifting of a ban on mesh enclosures for mixed martial arts fighting.

- (1) Has the minister or the department been consulted on the proposed lifting of the ban?
- (2) If yes to (1), what form has that consultation taken?
- (3) Does the minister or the department have any concerns about the proposed lifting of the ban?
- (4) If no to (3), can the minister inform the house how the lifting of the ban will aid the minister's efforts to prevent family and domestic violence?
- (5) If yes to (4), when will the minister so inform the house?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The now minister was consulted prior to the state election about the proposed policy on mixed martial arts.
- (3) The government remains committed to addressing the serious issue of family and domestic violence. This includes looking at ways to challenge attitudes and beliefs that condone violence against women. The government has recently signed up to Our Watch, established to drive nationwide change in the culture, behaviours and power imbalances that lead to violence against women and their children, and has committed to implementing the national framework for primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia.
- (4) Working toward the elimination of family and domestic violence remains the government's focus. In the work ahead, the government plans to engage with sporting organisations and the broader community as powerful influencers on gender relations to challenge violence-supportive attitudes.
- (5) Not applicable.