

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW (WA) AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Discharge of Order and Referral to Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review — Motion

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [9.13 am] — without notice: I move —

That, pursuant to standing order 128, the Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Amendment Bill 2018 be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review for consideration and report in accordance with that committee's terms of reference not later than 45 days after the referral.

If I may give a brief explanation: this is to provide absolute certainty. Members will recall that the second reading speech of this bill, which I read in on Tuesday night, indicated the government had received advice that the bill did not necessarily require a standing order 126 referral but we thought, for the purpose of certainty, it would be a good idea to do it. To make it absolutely clear that the government is seeking to refer the Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Amendment Bill 2018, I am taking the precautionary step of moving this motion.

Point of Order

Hon NICK GOIRAN: I recall there was some discussion the other night and I understood at that time, which was pretty late on Tuesday night, that the Leader of the House had already indicated to the house that the bill had been referred to the committee. It is not clear to me how the house can now refer the bill to the committee when it is already with the committee.

The PRESIDENT: The bill was referred on Tuesday night. I think there might have been some other discussions after that. From what the Leader of the House has just said to the chamber, I think for clarity on this occasion, the government has decided to move this motion. I assume that there has been some discussion behind the Chair with the various other parties about this motion that we have in front of us.

Debate Resumed

HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [9.15 am]: To contribute to the debate and with respect to Hon Nick Goiran, as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review, I appreciate the clarity in that referral because of the difficulty that I raised about there not having been a vote of the house on this issue. From our perspective—I think I can speak on behalf of the committee—we appreciate the clarity that this resolution will provide.

Question put and passed.