

ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION — LIQUOR CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS

448. Hon LINDA SAVAGE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the letter dated 14 June 2012 from the McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth and to the Education and Health Standing Committee's tenth report, "Alcohol: Reducing the Harm and Curbing the Culture of Excess". Does the government intend to —

- (a) introduce mandatory, well-supported alcohol and drug education as a specific component in the curriculum for all Western Australian school students;
- (b) make amendments to the Liquor Control Act 1988 to insert a clause that a person must not supply alcohol to a minor or a juvenile unless that person has obtained the consent of the minor or juvenile's parent or legal guardian; and, if so, when will it introduce these amendments;
- (c) make amendments to the Liquor Control Act 1988 to allow the police to conduct controlled purchasing operations to assist in the identification and prosecution of licensees suspected of breaching the act by selling alcohol to minors; and
- (d) undertake a major consultative review of the Liquor Control Act 1988; and, if so, when is this likely to occur?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

On behalf of the Leader of the House, I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (a) It is appropriate for this question to be asked of the Minister for Education, as this is relevant to that minister's portfolio.
- (b)–(d) On 29 March 2012, I—that is, the Minister for Racing and Gaming—made a commitment to undertake a major consultative review of the Liquor Control Act 1988. It is proposed to establish the review towards the end of this year. The issues raised here, along with all other issues, will be considered by the review.