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FINES, PENALTIES AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT (TAXATION) BILL 2012 FINES, PENALTIES AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2012

Third Reading — Cognate Debate

HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Attorney General) [7.36 pm]: I move —

That the bills be now read a third time.

HON GIZ WATSON (North Metropolitan) [7.37 pm]: I want to comment on the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Amendment Bill 2012 to indicate that the Greens (WA) will not be supporting the bill, primarily for two reasons. We had quite an extensive debate in this place, and I accept that the government acceded to one amendment, which we are pleased about. However, we cannot support it because it contains provisions for naming and shaming people who in certain circumstances have not paid their fines, which we think is an excessive use of that type of provision. Secondly, we are not convinced that the evaluation process will be appropriately independent. Therefore, for those reasons we will not support the bill.

HON MAX TRENORDEN (Agricultural) [7.38 pm]: I want to clarify that we are voting on the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Amendment Bill 2012 at this stage and not on the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Amendment (Taxation) Bill 2012, because I support one but not the other.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Hon Brian Ellis): Hon Max Trenorden is correct. I clarify that both bills are being dealt with cognately, but we are debating the question on the first bill, order of the day 22, which is the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Amendment Bill 2012.

Hon MAX TRENORDEN: I will not take more of the time of the house. I will be voting against this bill, but will support the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Amendment (Taxation) Bill 2012.