

RADIOACTIVE CAESIUM-137 CAPSULE

255. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Radiation Safety (Transport of Radioactive Substances) Regulations 2002 wherein it is stipulated that those who fail to comply with the safety measures in the Code for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material: Radiation Protection Series C-2 (Rev.1), 2019, are subject to a fine of up to \$1 000.

Considering the serious risks posed to the community when a Rio Tinto radioactive capsule went missing in January 2023, has the state government taken any steps to increase the \$1 000 penalty to an amount that more appropriately reflects the severity of mishandling radioactive substances?

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

Thanks, President. Something is happening, but I do not know what it is.

The PRESIDENT: It is called rain, leader.

Hon SUE ELLERY: I am unfamiliar with this!

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The WA government will consider applicable regulations and penalties as required.