

DENTAL OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS — REVIEW

**841. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the minister's commitment on 2 June this year to a six-month review into the classification structures of all dental occupational groups in Dental Health Services, with the aim of establishing a sustainable classification regime.

- (1) What are the time frames for the review?
- (2) Has the Department of Health made an initial proposal to the Minister for Health; and, if not, when does the Minister for Health expect to receive it?
- (3) Has the appropriate union been informed of the Department of Health's proposal in relation to the submission; and, if not, when will it be informed?
- (4) Will dental occupational groups have an opportunity to comment on the proposal before the completion of the six-month review?
- (5) Given that the process has so far not involved consultations with staff, does the minister anticipate the completion of the review by the due date for implementation by 27 December 2011?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

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

- (1) The Department of Health is seeking to have the review finalised prior to 27 December 2011.
- (2) No. The full submission will be provided by 27 December 2011.
- (3) No. The Department of Health has not finalised the submission for the various dental occupational groups.
- (4) Yes. This will be provided via the working group.
- (5) Yes. There has been extensive consultation with the union and staff.