

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Eighty-third Report — “Annual Report 2015” — Tabling

MR P. ABETZ (Southern River) [9.16 am]: It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, to table its annual report 2015, report 83.

[See paper 3867.]

Mr P. ABETZ: This report outlines the committee’s activities in 2015 and comments on significant issues arising from the committee’s scrutiny of delegated legislation. The committee continues to scrutinise a large number of instruments of delegated legislation. In 2015, the committee was referred 508 instruments, including 319 sets of regulations and 94 local laws. Some of the matters highlighted in the annual report include the standard of explanatory memorandums submitted to the committee by agencies; the effect of the proposed Public Health Bill; and issues relating to local laws, such as plastic bags, piggeries, the restriction of smoking on beaches, cat local laws and the ongoing issue of the procedure for making local laws under section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank the ministers, departments and local governments that provided assistance to the committee. The committee appreciates the work performed by local governments, which often, with limited resources, undertake the difficult challenge of drafting local laws. The committee also appreciates the contributions made by the Department of Local Government and Communities and the Western Australian Local Government Association in assisting local governments with drafting their local laws. I commend the report to the house.