

RSLWA — REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY STREET APPEAL

**947. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to regulations under the minister's commerce portfolio that restrict the RSLWA's Poppy Street Appeal, a fundraising effort to support veterans and their families, to only one day of sales, which in the lead-up to Remembrance Day today, occurred last Friday, 5 November. Might the minister consider relaxing these regulations so that in future years, the RSLWA's street appeal might be permitted to occur over additional days, up to and including Remembrance Day?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Commerce.

The RSLWA chose to conduct its Remembrance Day Poppy Street Appeal on Friday, 5 November 2021. The RSLWA advised the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety's Consumer Protection division that it did not wish to conduct the appeal on Thursday, 11 November 2021, because it is preferred that staff and members be able to attend the Kings Park Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Street Collections (Regulation) Act 1940, which applies to collections such as the Remembrance Day Poppy Street Appeal, limits the number of days on which street appeals may be conducted to 50 per calendar year. Although there is a general policy to limit specific collections to once a year, the act does not impose such a limit and each request is assessed on its merits. The RSLWA historically has received a permit to conduct two appeals a year, for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Consumer Protection has advised that had the RSLWA applied for an additional permit to conduct the appeal on 11 November, it would have been granted. There does not appear to be a need to amend the act.