

DE FACTO COUPLES — SUPERANNUATION SPLITTING

553. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Attorney General:

I have a supplementary question.

Mr D.J. Kelly: You didn't know that, did you?

Ms M.J. DAVIES: I can ask the question without your help, minister; thank you!

Mr D.J. Kelly: I am happy to give you as much help as you like.

The SPEAKER: Sorry; you will not be giving any help, thank you, Minister for Water.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: No, I need no help from you!

I thank the Attorney General for that answer. When will the legislation be brought to the Parliament for our consideration?

Mr J.R. QUIGLEY replied:

I have it down as a priority at the Parliamentary Counsel's Office. We are just waiting to get it back. I can assure the member that it will not take the four years that it took the Liberal coalition government in Canberra to deal with this important problem. We will have it before this Parliament presently, but it is not going to dillydally for four years like it did with the Liberal–National coalition government in Canberra.