

WA INVENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD - ELIGIBILITY OF BEN NEWMAN

**779. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

Further to the statement by the Leader of the House on 31 August 2006 and Brakeboards' subsequent runner-up prize of \$20 300 in the WA Inventor of the Year Award, I ask -

- (1) Is there a requirement for further trials and commercialisation to occur in Western Australia?
- (2) What part of this operation now takes place in Western Australia?
- (3) Where is this product currently made and distributed from?
- (4) Is the company head, Mr Ben Newman, still living in Melbourne?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

I thank Hon Barry House for providing some notice of this question, and I acknowledge that this question follows up on his earlier interest in the matter. However, I regret I cannot provide the information in the time required, and I ask that the member place the question on notice.