

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE, BUSINESS PROGRAM

Points of Order

Hon N.F. MOORE: My point of order relates to questions on notice. Questions on notice are included in the Notice Paper but not in the Business Program. I asked a question today during questions without notice because I did not have the opportunity to ask it on notice, which allows a member to ask a question publicly. Has that reference been deleted from the Business Program for some reason?

The PRESIDENT: Members may ask questions on notice. I note that they do not appear on the Business Program. Given that they appear in the standing orders, members can utilise any opportunity to raise such questions.

Hon BARRY HOUSE: I asked one of the attendants the same question earlier today, because I have placed some questions on notice. I understand that only one answer to a question on notice has been submitted this week.

Hon Tom Stephens: And one large ministerial statement.

Hon N.F. MOORE: It is important when announcing the order of business at the beginning of the day that the President ask whether there are any questions on notice. It is then possible for members to give verbal notice of a question.

The PRESIDENT: If members want to utilise that facility, we will ensure that it is on the Business Program.