

CORPORATIONS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL (NO. 3) 2001

Second Reading

Resumed from 5 December.

MRS EDWARDES (Kingsley) [12.27 pm]: This Bill revolves around the commonwealth Financial Sector Reform Bill 2001 and consequential provisions. I hold up the commonwealth Bill we are currently dealing with for members to see; it is a weighty document. The Corporations (Consequential Amendments) Bill (No. 3) 2001 will take two sections out of the Corporations Act 2001, and will create a new Bill, the Financial Services Reform Bill 2001. Chapters 7 and 8 of the Corporations Act will be repealed. This legislation replaces those chapters by extending further those areas dealing with financial services and markets. As members are aware, the federal Government tightened the rules of how financial services are dealt with. These provisions deal with the acquisition of securities and licences, and regulate participants in the securities industry. They also deal with the title to and transfer of securities and a range of other financial products including incorporate shares, debentures, other derivatives, bonds, and life insurance products other than health insurance and a number of others. As a consequence, legislation in Western Australia that has references to sections of the commonwealth Corporations Act 2001 will need to be amended to ensure that new terms, such as futures contract and futures option, which have new definitions in the Financial Services Reform Bill, are picked up throughout the respective legislation. That is the reason for the Bill before the House, and I support it.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time, proceeded through remaining stages without debate, and transmitted to the Council.