

DENTAL ACT, REVIEW

1445. Hon. P.G. Pental to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is it correct that the Government is intending to review the current Dental Act and that a new Dental Bill is currently being prepared for Parliament?
- (2) Is it correct that the regulations contained within the Dental Act being prepared intend to involve dental technicians?
- (3) If so, will the proposed Act contain regulations that require the registration of dental technicians?
- (4) Does the Government believe that regulation that extends to dental technicians will optimise infectious control for both the public and dental technicians and ensure that those that work in this field have the correct qualifications for such work?

Mr KUCERA replied:

1. The Dental Act 1939 has been reviewed and the Government has approved the drafting of replacement dental legislation.
2. No
3. Not applicable
4. The matter is currently under consideration within Government and involves discussion with representatives of dental technicians.