

CHRISTMAS RETAIL TRADING HOURS

1342. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations:

I refer to question without notice —

Hon Alannah MacTiernan: You have given notice of this, I presume?

Hon TJORN SIBMA: Yes. I have a question without notice of which some notice has been given. It has a number and everything, so it should be in the minister's pack.

I refer to question without notice 1279, asked on Tuesday, 4 December 2018.

- (1) What evidence or information did the minister rely on regarding “consumer shopping patterns early in the Christmas trading period”?
- (2) Will the minister table the evidence or information regarding “consumer shopping patterns early in the Christmas trading period”; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that his initial proposal for extended retail trading hours for Christmas, which he sought submissions on, was for extended trading from 5 December?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations has provided the following information.

- (1) The minister relied on the submissions of and discussions with industry participants.
- (2) I refer the member to paper 2305, tabled in the Legislative Council on 5 December 2018.
- (3) The minister did not have any initial proposal for extending retail trading hours for Christmas 2018, as each year requires a separate and unique decision in accordance with the act.