

HEALTH (SMOKING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES) REGULATIONS, REVIEW TABLING

838. Dr J.M. WOOLLARD to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Will the minister abide by legislation and table the 2002 review of the Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations, which should have been tabled on 12 January?
- (2) Will the minister guarantee that the Government will state its position on this review in no less than four weeks?
- (3) If the minister will not table the review or give such a guarantee, what is the Government hiding from the community and why?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (1)-(3) I have already said that the Government will table the Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations, as is required under the Health Act.

Mrs C.L. Edwardes: You should have done it last January.

Mr R.C. KUCERA: We have heard about many things today that the member for Kingsley should have done or should not have covered up when she was a minister. However, that is beside the point.

Mrs C.L. Edwardes interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Kingsley!

Mr R.C. KUCERA: The member may call it a smoking gun.

I have answered this question on a number of occasions. When the Government has considered its position, it will present a copy of the review papers to the Parliament.