

COVID-19 RESPONSE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) BILL 2021

130. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the passage of the COVID-19 Response Legislation Amendment (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Bill 2021, which inter alia extended the sunset date that applies to section 72A of the Emergency Management Act 2005 until 4 July 2022.

- (1) Will the minister introduce before this winter recess another similar bill to again extend the sunset date that applies to section 72A for a six-month period, for example?
- (2) What factors would determine the minister's decision to do so and what factors would militate against it?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services.

- (1)–(2) The drafting of bills for introduction is a decision of cabinet and is cabinet-in-confidence.