



Hon Barry House MLC

5 April 2012

**To all Members of the Legislative Council**

Dear Member

On Thursday, 22 March 2012, I reported to the House that Hon. Nigel Hallett and Hon. Liz Behjat had resigned from the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review. As the House did not resolve subsequent appointments to the Committee prior to rising for a 4 week adjournment period on Thursday, 29 March 2012, I have the following concerns:

1. the Committee cannot meet due to its incapacity to meet the quorum requirements;
2. the *Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Bill 2011* currently stands referred to the Committee until 20 April 2012;
3. the Legislative Council will not sit again before Tuesday, 1 May 2012; and
4. subject to the Standing Orders, debate on the above Bill cannot resume until the Committee reports the Bill to the House, and this report cannot be forthcoming given the Committee's inability to meet.

After consultation with Party Leaders and relevant Members, I have decided to resolve this 'impasse' and ensure the continued and effective operation of the Committee, and its obligation in reporting the Bill to the House. Standing Order 159(5) provides that the President may appoint a Member to fill a vacancy until an appointment can be made or confirmed by the Council.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 159(5), I have appointed Hon. Michael Mischin and Hon. Donna Faragher to the Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee, effective from today. I will formally report this decision to the House at its next sitting, at which time the House can either confirm this decision or resolve otherwise.

Kind Regards

**HON BARRY HOUSE MLC  
PRESIDENT**