

COMMERCE — ENERGYSAFETY INVESTIGATION — ELECTROCUTION INCIDENT — MANDURAH

5980. Mr D.A. Templeman to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to your answer to Question on Notice No. 5367 regarding the electrocution of school children in Mandurah in March 2015, and ask:

- (a) EnergySafety in answer to question states that it has “recently initiated legal proceedings against some parties involved in this accident”:
 - (i) what parties has action been taken against; and
 - (ii) what is the status of these legal proceedings?

Mr A. Krsticevic replied:

- (a) (i) I have sought further clarification on the response previously provided to Question on Notice No. 5367. It appears that, in providing advice to me about this matter, the Department of Commerce (EnergySafety Division) mistakenly considered that in referring a brief recommending commencement of legal action to the State Solicitor’s Office, that it had “recently initiated legal proceedings”. On receiving the advice that legal action had been initiated, I mistakenly believed that legal proceedings had commenced in court.
- (ii) I have been advised that charges are expected to be laid within the next two weeks.