

BUILDING SERVICES LEVY BILL 2010

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr W.R. Marmion (Minister for Commerce)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

Second Reading

MR W.R. MARMION (Nedlands — Minister for Commerce) [12.53 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Building Services Levy Bill introduces a levy payable on building, demolition and occupancy permits and building approval certificates. The bill allows for a levy to be imposed in accordance with regulations made under the Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Bill.

The levy is to be used for funding the Building Commission as a strong central auditor and regulator to ensure registered practitioners behave professionally and deliver high standards of work; implement a new complaints system delivered through the Building Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal; monitor the building industry for compliance with building laws and standards; build the capacity of registered building surveyors and specialist certifiers to deliver services in the private market; develop electronic approval processes; and educate industry, local governments and the community about the new laws. The levy will replace the existing Builders' Registration Board levy.

In summary, the bill forms the final part of a suite of four bills designed to introduce and fund a modernised and efficient building system for Western Australia. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr D.A. Templeman**.