

ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE

Referral of Country of Origin Petitions - Motion

MR D.T. REDMAN (Stirling) [4.43 pm]: I move -

That the country of origin petitions be referred to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee's inquiry into major food retail chains in Western Australia.

Point of Order

Mr P.D. OMODEI: I understand that the last motion was a suspension motion.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr P.B. Watson): That is right, and it was agreed to.

Mr P.D. OMODEI: I would expect now that the member for Stirling would move the motion.

The ACTING SPEAKER: That is what he is doing.

Mr P.D. OMODEI: No, it is different.

The ACTING SPEAKER: It is not necessary to move a motion related to the standing orders suspension.

Mr P.D. OMODEI: Okay, thank you.

Debate Resumed

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I do not intend to speak for long, only to say that all the speakers this afternoon have highlighted the public interest in this matter. I tabled a petition earlier this week. Mr Acting Speaker, you would be well aware that the Albany Farmers Market, which is not a very big market, picked up 600 signatures on a petition in less than three hours. That is probably about a third of the custom that went through that venue. I am sure there will be numerous petitions from the community on this matter. It is therefore important that the Economics and Industry Standing Committee, which is investigating this matter, receive the full benefit of those strong community views that have come into this Parliament, and not just the views of *The West Australian* and other media sources. Hence, I have moved this motion to ensure that all petitions about country of origin matters that are tabled in this Parliament be referred to the standing committee.

Question put and passed.