

**ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE**

*Eighth Report — “Annual Report 2010–2011” — Tabling*

**DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton)** [11.56 am]: I present for tabling the eighth report of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee, entitled “Annual Report 2010–11”.

[See paper 3781.]

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** I would like to make a brief statement. The member for Gosnells, in a grievance earlier, and other people in this house have done previously, commented on the need for more rigorous follow-up on how we regulate caravan parks, retirement homes and lifestyle villages that merge. My committee, as members know, undertook a major inquiry into caravan parks a year or so ago. This house has debated various issues relating to caravan parks since then. The committee has also received numerous requests to follow up and queries about what the committee was doing about the results of its inquiry into caravan parks. Traditionally, and appropriately so, committees undertake an inquiry, submit a report, hand it over to the government, and the government then has three months to respond, and then the government responds. That is well and good; that is how it should be to some extent. But the Economics and Industry Standing Committee has decided to do a bit more on caravan parks; that is, to undertake a follow-up inquiry this month. The committee has requested that, later this month, all the relevant departments come and give evidence to the committee as to how they are following up the recommendations of the caravan park inquiry, what additional initiatives will be undertaken, and to also explore some of the issues relating to what the government and the departments have done to address the remaining problems of the regulation of long stays in caravan parks, the provision of extra caravan parks, and, more importantly, the interrelationship between retirement villages and caravan parks. This is an issue on which, to some extent, the committee members were not satisfied with the government’s and the department’s responses; therefore, we are following it up. We will present to Parliament the results of those inquiries of the departments in question.

Debate interrupted.

[Continued below.]

*Special Report — Inquiry into Ironbridge Holdings and Dalyellup Housing Estate — Tabling*

**DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton)** [11.58 am]: I would like to make a statement on this Dalyellup inquiry matter also. I present for tabling a report of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee. The report takes the form of a one-page document setting out the response of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee to the referral from this house dated 15 June 2011. The response states that on Wednesday, 15 June 2011, the house requested that the Economics and Industry Standing Committee determine the terms of reference for an inquiry by that committee into the problems in the Dalyellup housing estate, and the wider impact of these types of problems in Western Australia, and to report to the house in August 2011 those terms of reference and the date on which the committee would report on its inquiry. At its meeting on Wednesday, 17 August 2011 the committee resolved to adopt the following terms of reference —

*The Economics and Industry Standing Committee is to inquire into and report on:*

1. *The conduct of Ironbridge Holdings Pty Ltd in meeting its contractual obligations on its residential property developments in Western Australia with a particular emphasis on The Tuarts estate in Dalyellup.*
2. *The Committee will also investigate:*
  - a) *The incidence of late or non-delivery of items offered by residential land and property developers under “incentive packages”.*
  - b) *The redress available to buyers for late or non-delivery of such items.*

The Committee will report to the Legislative Assembly on these matters by Thursday, 1 December 2011.

I table this report.

[See paper 3782.]

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Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

**MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington)** [12.00 noon]: I rise to speak briefly on the annual report of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee. I want to particularly thank the hardworking staff of the committee: Tim Hughes, our principal research officer; Kristy Bryden and Foreman Foto, our research officers;

and our specialist research officer who was engaged for the gas inquiry, Peter Kolf. Without their assistance and dedication, we would not have been able to get through so much work in the past 12 months. We have had a very busy 12 months. The inquiry into the Franchising Bill 2010 was quite complex and required a lot of hearings and consideration. The specialist staff were very important to us, particularly during the gas inquiry, which was incredibly complex and highly technical. Without their assistance, none of us would have been able to prepare such a detailed and important report. I would particularly like to note the contribution of the retired members of our committee, the member for South Perth and the member for Scarborough, for their good humour and hard work, particularly during the gas inquiry.

**MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston)** [12.02 pm]: I, too, would like to briefly talk to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee annual report 2010-11 and reiterate what the member for Cannington said about the excellent help from the staff and the guidance that they gave us through some of our inquiries. It was a bit of a shame that the members for South Perth and Scarborough could not keep up the pace and had to resign from the committee. I would like to thank them for their contribution. I put in an apology for missing some of the meetings due to travel distances and not being able to get down for short meetings. That certainly puts a bit of extra pressure on the other members of the committee. I thank them for their forbearance. I look forward to the next few inquiries that we have coming up, and will certainly try to pull my weight during those inquiries. I commend the report to the house.