

VOLUNTEERS — ATTRITION

**709. Mr V.A. CATANIA to the Minister for Volunteering:**

I have a supplementary question. The minister is the Minister for Volunteering. He put out a media statement headed “Volunteering reference group ready to take sector forward”. Given the alarming rate of volunteer turnover and the fact that the reference group has been operating since February, will the minister direct the reference group to fast track the recommendations?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:**

Can I again say how much work that group is doing, including working very hard to make sure that we have a card that goes across the board that includes police clearances. That is the sort of work we are doing. I reiterate to the member, it is not my area; it is the Minister for Emergency Services.