

MANDATORY SENTENCING

500. Mr JOHNSON to the Attorney General:

I have a supplementary question. Will the Attorney General challenge in the High Court of Australia any proposed legislation that seeks to abolish any aspect of WA's existing mandatory sentencing laws?

Mr McGINTY replied:

I have made it clear that the so-called mandatory sentencing laws in Western Australia that apply to the serious crime of home burglary, and home burglary alone, enjoy the support of members not only on this side but also on the other side of the House.

Mr Johnson interjected.

Mr McGINTY: Clearly it does. I hope either later this month or early next month to present to the House the report on the review of the operation of the mandatory sentencing laws as they apply under section 401 of the Criminal Code. All members will be vitally interested, and perhaps even seriously surprised, by the contents of that report.