

Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Referendums) Bill 2004

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Referendums) Bill 2004 amends the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* to provide for two questions relating to retail trading hours to be submitted to the electors under the *Referendums Act 1983*.

Clause 1 - Short title

Clause 1 provides that the Act may be cited as the *Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Referendums) Act 2004*.

Clause 2 - Commencement

Clause 2 provides that the Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 – The Act amended

Clause 3 provides that the amendment in this Act is to the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987*.

Clause 4 – Section 43 inserted

Clause 4 inserts a new section 43 into the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* to provide that, at the day of the next general election for the Legislative Assembly, the following questions are to be submitted to the electors in accordance with the *Referendums Act 1983*, with the elector being required to place the word “Yes” or “No”, as the case may be, in the space provided on the ballot paper for the answer to that question:

Question 1 - Extended week night shopping

Are you in favour of trading hours in the Perth Metropolitan Area being extended to allow general retail shops to trade until 9 pm Monday to Friday?; and

Question 2 - Extended Sunday shopping

Are you in favour of trading hours in the Perth Metropolitan Area being extended to allow general retail shops to trade for 6 hours on Sunday?

The outcome of these questions has no bearing on the outcome of the general election and vice-versa.