

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 2 November 2005

QUESTION No.SBI-77

Senator Campbell asked:

Commission's Recommendation 14.1:

Section 31 of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* should be amended to clarify that disability standards cannot alter in a fundamental way the scope of the Act. The scope should only be altered via amendment of the Act, not via disability standards." (tabled in Parliament on 14 July 2004)

Will the Government ensure that all new workplaces and existing workplaces undergoing major alterations or extensions will provide equal access for everyone, in-keeping with the Government's workforce participation policies for people with disabilities and older people?

ANSWER

The Department is unable to comment as this is an issue for the Government to determine.

QUESTION No.SBI-78

Senator Campbell asked:

If equality of access and use is not ensured by means of the DDA Premises Standard, how will it be possible for workforce participation of older people and other people with mobility impairments to substantially increase?

ANSWER

The Department is not in a position to comment on this matter.

QUESTION No.SBI-79

Senator Campbell asked:

What date was the latest DDA Premises Standard recommended to the federal Ministers by the ABCB transmitted to the Ministers?

(For mention "that any Premises Standard will be compliant with the DDA" see Written Question on Notice No.63; Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio, Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 30-31 May 2005)

ANSWER

The ABCB provided preliminary advice on the Premises Standard to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP, and the Attorney-General, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, in a letter dated 8 June 2005.