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-82

Senator Campbell asked:

Will the final DDA Access to Premises Standard be able to be incorporated into the BCA prior to the May 2007 annual BCA amendments and, if so, how?

ANSWER

The Department is unable to comment on this matter. The timing of the introduction of the Premises Standard provisions into the BCA is dependent on when the Government both finalises and then introduces and legislates the Premises Standard.

QUESTION No.SBI-83

Senator Campbell asked:

Is the ABCB and the Department ensuring that equality of access for all is the overriding concern in the work on the DDA Access to Premises Standard?

ANSWER

The Government has previously indicated that any Premises Standard will be compliant with the DDA. Work is continuing to develop policy advice that achieves this goal.