

**Question on Notice
No. 1071
Asked on 8 June 2006**

MRS STUCKEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING AND WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (MRS KEECH)—

With reference to the *Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000*—

- (1) Is she aware that amendments to this Act are causing financial distress to motor dealers who trade predominantly in used vehicles and is her department able to assist them in any way?
- (2) Does she plan to allow any exemptions for statutory warranty on vehicles under \$3,000 (as is currently the case in New South Wales)?

ANSWER:

As the Member should be aware, I have made a number of recent amendments to the *Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000*.

The amendments strike a balance between strengthening consumer protection and reducing the burden on business. I am advised that used motor dealers generally have been supportive of the amendments. In particular, a large number of them strongly support certain aspects of the amendments, including the amendment to allow the use of adjoining premises and the amendment to specifically prohibit the use of premises without town planning approval.

I will always ensure that persons purchasing used motor vehicles are appropriately protected. The Beattie Government has Australia's best consumer protection regime, and I do not intend to deprive consumers of their statutory warranty rights.