

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: INQUIRY INTO FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:58): I rise to make some comments regarding this 33rd report of the Social Development Committee entitled Inquiry into Food Safety Programs, and I do so as the shadow minister for food. I am certainly one who enjoys food, as I am sure everyone in this chamber does. I will go over some of the recommendations. I note that recommendation No. 1 is to the Minister for Health to:

...work in partnership with representatives from local government, food industry representatives and other key stakeholders, including consumers, to develop a centralised, state-wide food safety rating scheme.

I think that is quite an appropriate recommendation, that we get everyone on board so that this is not just driven from the top down but that it comes from the bottom up as well, to make sure that the appropriate measures are put in place to bring all levels of government and industry along the way. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.