

**House of Assembly
2 December 2009**

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
REPORT INTO HYPNOSIS**

Adjourned debate on motion of Hon. P.L. White:

That the 29th report of the committee, entitled A Review of the Department of Health Report into Hypnosis, be noted.

(Continued from 23 September 2009. Page 4033.)

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:38): I acknowledge the member for Taylor's contribution on the hypnosis report of the Social Development Committee. We both made contributions earlier today on the inquiry into bogus, unregistered and deregistered health professionals and, in much the same way, a lot of similar issues were raised during the hypnosis inquiry into the regulation (or lack of regulation) that was involved in that industry.

As the member for Taylor indicated, there needs to be a regulatory framework brought into place so that the industry can be brought under some control because there could be issues with people operating in an unprofessional way. They might think they are doing a great job, and you see all kind of things on television shows where people make out they can hypnotise 10 people at a time or something like that, and I wonder whether anything is happening at all. As with the inquiry we spoke about earlier today, I think that framework needs to be put in place so that it can be a management regime in the line of hypnosis. I commend the report.