

ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE

First Report — "Annual Report 2008-09" — Tabling

17 September 2009

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton) [10.12 am]: I present for tabling the first report of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee, entitled "Annual Report 2008-09".

[See paper .]

Dr M.D. NAHAN: The committee is still working on its first inquiry, which is an inquiry into the provision, use and regulation of caravan parks and camping grounds. The committee received a record number of inquiries, indicating a great interest in the report; more than 100 submissions were received. There is great interest in the report.

There was also a great deal of variation and diversity of interest in the report. The evidence is that the caravanning and camping industry is like a release valve for other problems in the residential area, and there was also therefore interest from permanent long-stay facilities, as well as permanent and semi-permanent workers in the north who use caravan parks for accommodation. There was also a great deal of interest in the growing area of camping. The committee plans to report on that on 15 October.

One of the issues that has been raised in this house in the past is that there is a great deal of concern about the loss of accommodation for permanent residents in caravan parks. That is an issue that the committee tries to deal with in the report. It is a very controversial issue, but I need to emphasise that the report focuses primarily on the issue of caravanning and camping for tourist purposes. I submit the report to the house.