

Question Without Notice No. 526 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **12 August 2010** by **Hon Ljiljana Ravlich**

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RETAIL TRADING — SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER AND LEASE REGISTERS

526. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the in-principle agreement for retail trading reform between the Leader of the Opposition and the Premier. When will the minister introduce legislation for the appointment of a small business commissioner and the establishment of shopping centre lease registers?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The government is finalising a proposal to establish a shopping centre lease register. The government will introduce a bill to amend the Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Act 1985 after consultation. Work is already well underway on a model for the establishment of a small business commissioner in WA. Subject to the standing cabinet and parliamentary drafting processes being navigated in a streamlined fashion, the government's aim is to introduce a bill into Parliament as soon as practicable to establish a small business commissioner.
