

## Child Pornography

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**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE:** I ask the Attorney General a question without notice. Is the Attorney General aware of the recent case where a European website featuring extreme child pornography received 12 million hits within 76 hours, including hits from 2,883 computers in Australia? As a result of this case have 1,513 suspected paedophiles subsequently been identified in Australia, 13 of whom have had summons issued in New South Wales? Will the Attorney General increase the penalties for child pornography in New South Wales, as there is a clear need for higher penalties to deter surfing the Internet for child pornography? Will the Government provide a community education program to reinforce warnings about the depraved nature of this material and the associated penalties incurred by those who view it?

**The Hon. JOHN HATZISTERGOS:** Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile would be aware that the New South Wales **Sentencing Council**, headed by Mr James Wood, is currently undertaking a review into all sex offences, including the offences described by the honourable member in his question. According to advice I have received today, the **Sentencing Council** will provide the Government with the report before the end of the year. It will then make the report public, together with its response.