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STATUTORY REVIEW OF BOXING DAY TRADING REFORM

Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations Dominic Perrottet has appointed Professor Percy Allan AM to undertake an independent review of Boxing Day trading laws.

In 2015, the NSW Government amended retail trading laws allowing shops across NSW to open on December 26, but only if their staff freely elect to work.

Previously, shops in Western Sydney and parts of regional NSW were restricted from trading on Boxing Day.

As part of the reforms, the Government committed to review the changes after two years of operation.

Mr Perrottet said the review would ensure the reforms are operating as parliament intended.

“Over the last two years many people have taken advantage of the reforms and found a local Boxing Day bargain, but it’s vital to make sure the changes are working for everyone – shoppers, businesses and workers,” Mr Perrottet said.

“Professor Allan has a wealth of experience working with national, state and local governments on important public policy matters, and I look forward to receiving his report,” Mr Perrottet said.

Professor Allan has broad expertise in public policy, economics and finance, and is a Visiting Professor at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management. He was also chairman of the Premier’s Council on the Cost and Quality of Government, which reviewed the performance of 25 NSW government agencies between 1999 and 2007.

Professor Allan’s review will consider submissions from stakeholders across the retail industry, including unions, community groups and retailers.

The review will report on range of matters, including the impact of the reform on employees, and any data showing the benefits of Boxing Day trading for retailers and the NSW economy.

Mr Allan is expected to report back to Government in the second quarter of 2017. For more information visit the NSW Industrial Relations website at:

http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/Industries_and_Awards/Retail_industry/Review_of_Boxing_Day_Trading.page

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