

FORMER MINISTERS — PRIVATE ENTERPRISE APPOINTMENTS

1073. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to media reports concerning the employment of Hon Mark McGowan by the private sector within four months of his resignation as Premier on 29 May.

- (1) How does the Premier and the state government intend to manage the obvious governance challenges posed by these circumstances?
- (2) For example, will Mr McGowan be prohibited from contacting ministers, parliamentary secretaries and public servants on behalf of his new employers for a set period of time?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Outside the Integrity (Lobbyists) Act 2016, no employment restrictions exist. Former ministers, parliamentary secretaries and senior public servants can apply for jobs as they see fit.