

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, IMPREST ACCOUNT TRAVEL ENTITLEMENTS

356. Hon C L Edwardes to the Premier

I refer to *The West Australian* article dated 16 May 2001 and ask -

- (a) when did the Premier ask the Ministry of Premier and Cabinet to draft changes to the use of the Imprest Account for Travel Entitlements by Member of Parliaments;
- (b) has the Premier received a copy of those draft changes;
- (c) if so, has the Premier taken that proposal to Cabinet;
- (d) if not, does the Premier intend on taking it to Cabinet;
- (e) when does the Premier expect to table it in the Parliament; and
- (f) did the Premier ask the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for advice, and -
 - (i) if not, why not;
 - (ii) if so, has the Premier received that advice; and
 - (iii) will the Premier table this advice in Parliament with the proposed changes?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (a) April 2001
- (b) Yes
- (c) No
- (d) No
- (e) All members have been advised of the changes in writing
- (f) No. The changes are an interim measure to tighten accountability pending the review of all travel entitlements made available to Members by the Tribunal and the Ministry of the Premier and Cabinet.
 - (i)-(iii) See (f)