BROMELL, MR ROSS

1170. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:

Why does the minister use Mr Ross Bromell, who does not hold an electoral or public office, to officially communicate with the Busselton Shire Council?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

I vaguely recall having been asked this question already.

Hon Kim Chance: I was asked this question yesterday.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I do not believe that I use Mr Ross Bromell to officially communicate with the Busselton Shire Council. However, he seems like a perfectly nice and good chap, and an impressive advocate for the needs of his community. He has done tremendous work, and has been communicating with me about his community. However, as far as I know -

Hon Norman Moore: Would the minister not know?

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I do not know whether the member is aware of this, but government is a big business, a lot of things go on, and a lot of communication is required. As far as I know, I conduct my communications directly with the Busselton Shire Council. If the member has a bee in his bonnet, I suggest he come out with it, and we will see what we can do.