

MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT — CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

I refer to the Ministerial Code of Conduct.

- (1) Has any minister sought and subsequently received approval from the Premier to hold the position of director of a private company?
- (2) If so, which minister and when?
- (3) How is the cabinet secretary managing any potential conflict of interest that may arise from these private business activities of the relevant minister or ministers?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) In accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct, all ministers are required to make declarations should they arise, in addition to any potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest. As was the case under previous governments, these declarations remain cabinet-in-confidence. Section 10 of the 2021 Ministerial Code of Conduct details the procedures for managing any conflicts of interest, should one arise. The honourable member will also be aware that under section 11 of the Members of Parliament (Financial Interests) Act 1992, members of Parliament are required to declare interests and positions in corporations in their annual returns, which are tabled in Parliament each year.