

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES — PAUL WHYTE —  
MEMBER FOR VICTORIA PARK'S COMMENTS

**1569. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:**

I refer to corruption allegations made against Mr Paul Whyte, lately of the Department of Communities, and the concerns the current Treasurer had about Mr Whyte back in 2016 in Public Accounts Committee reporting on the Housing Authority. Given that eight months later, the Labor Party won the state election, I ask the following.

- (1) Did the minister make any inquiries to determine whether measures had been put in place by the previous government to address the concerns the current Treasurer had about Mr Whyte?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Given the concerns expressed by the now Treasurer about Mr Whyte in the Public Accounts Committee report on the Housing Authority, has the minister read the report?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), what action did the minister take to ensure the concerns of the current Treasurer were being addressed?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) The now Treasurer, in opposition, raised concerns for the former Liberal–National government to investigate. Given that the former Liberal–National government trusted Mr Whyte to provide the formal response to the concerns raised by the Public Accounts Committee, it was assumed that the former Liberal–National government had examined the matters raised.
- (3) No.
- (4) See answer (1)–(2).
- (5) Not applicable.