

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — HON CHERYL EDWARDES

**459. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) On how many occasions has the minister met, either formally or informally, with Ms Cheryl Edwardes since the state election?
- (2) Is Ms Edwardes providing advice to the minister on the performance of her ministerial or political duties?
- (3) Did Ms Edwardes recommend or suggest the appointment of the minister's principal policy officer, Simon Taylor?
- (4) Is the minister aware that Ms Edwardes is an environmental lawyer with Minter Ellison handling environmental approval matters for her clients?
- (5) Is this not yet another example of the minister's susceptibility to conflict of interest matters?

**The PRESIDENT:** The last part of the question is out of order.

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the member for her question. I am going to ask that the question be placed on notice.

**Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich:** I do not know whether you meant —

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER:** Does the member want to listen to my answer or not? Hon Sally Talbot asked me on how many occasions I have met with Hon Cheryl Edwardes. I will have to get back to the member on that. I obviously know Hon Cheryl Edwardes. She was an excellent minister for the environment in the former Court government. I do not see that there is a problem with meeting with Hon Cheryl Edwardes. I am quite sure that many members of this house have met with Hon Cheryl Edwardes on a number of occasions. With respect to the other matters, I ask the member to place the question on notice.