

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS — HUAWEI

1321. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the minister's response to my question without notice 1291 of 4 December seeking an update on a decision to release, firstly, the Public Transport Authority's tender evaluation report and, secondly, the government's contract with Huawei UGL concerning the Metronet 4G radio system replacement project.

- (1) When referring to advice received from the State Solicitor, is the minister referring to either the Solicitor-General or the State Solicitor's Office?
- (2) When was the advice received and what is the nature of the advice?
- (3) What is the nature of the "consultation with relevant agencies" the minister referred to in her answer and with whom is the minister still consulting?
- (4) When will this consultation conclude?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(4) Following Legislative Council question without notice 829 asked by the honourable member on 18 September 2018, the minister undertook to request that the Public Transport Authority seek advice from the State Solicitor's Office as to the confidentiality of the tender evaluation report and the additional request from the member regarding the contract. Following receipt of this advice, the minister is consulting with the Public Transport Authority on whether it is possible for a copy of the documents to be provided with necessary redactions.