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PUBLIC SECTOR COMMISSION — GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1050. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the Public Sector Commission's function to develop codes of conduct and to monitor compliance with the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 among sundry other governance-related responsibilities.

- (1) Noting that page 17 of the Public Sector Commission's 2017–18 annual report advises that PSC's "core client group was changed to include local government, public universities and government trading enterprises, and to remove government boards and committees", which agency is now responsible for ensuring government boards and committees comply with the Public Interest Disclosure Act?
- (2) Further, noting the PSC's admission, again on page 17, that the large number and diverse responsibilities of government boards and committees means contact with some was greater than with others, has the PSC had any interactions with the board of Tourism WA since March 2017?
- (3) If yes to (2), what was the nature of those interactions, and what were the times and dates of those interactions?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The Public Sector Commission's core client group was amended in 2017–18 for the purposes of reporting on the key performance indicators established in its outcome-based management framework. There has been no change to the compliance and monitoring role of the Public Sector Commission in relation to part 4 of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Records indicate that the Public Sector Commission has had a number of interactions with the board or its chair since March 2017. This has included, but is not limited to, the machinery-of-government reforms and subsequent chief executive officer appointment process in 2017, the CEO appointment process more recently in 2018 and conflicts of interest management.