

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — UNION CONTACT —  
DIRECTION, INSTRUCTION AND ADVICE

226. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:
- (1) Has the Minister or the Ministerial Chief of Staff provided any direction, instruction or advice to their Ministerial staff or Agencies relating to contact with the:
- (a) Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union;
  - (b) Australian Meat Industries Employees Union;
  - (c) Australia Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union;
  - (d) Australian Worker's Union;
  - (e) Breweries and Bottleyards Employees Union;
  - (f) CEPU Communications Workers Union; CEPU Electrical Union;
  - (g) CFMEU Construction & General Division; CFMEU - Mining Division;
  - (h) Community and Public Sector Union;
  - (i) Finance Sector Union;
  - (j) Food Preservers Union;
  - (k) Maritime Union of Australia;
  - (l) National Union of Workers;
  - (m) Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Union;
  - (n) Transport Workers' Union;
  - (o) United Firefighters Union of WA;
  - (p) United Voice; and
  - (q) the Western Australian Prison Officers' Union of Workers?
- (2) If yes to (a)–(q):
- (a) what was the wording or nature of the direction, instruction or advice;
  - (b) who received the direction, instruction of advice;
  - (c) how was the direction, instruction or advice disseminated; and
  - (d) if the direction, instruction or advice was via letter or email, please table the document?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

- (1)-(2) No direction has been given to ministerial or departmental staff within my portfolios in relation to contact with the listed Unions. However, all ministerial and departmental staff are required to comply with the Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and other public sector guidelines.