

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — MEMBERSHIP — VACANCY

16. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I refer to the official resignation of the former member for South West Region and the consequential vacancy on government benches. Has the Premier sought advice regarding section 156C(2)(b) of the Electoral Act, which gives him a clear mechanism to deny any remaining candidates on the ticket the opportunity to assume the vacancy?

Point of Order

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I understand that this is a question of legality and is seeking a legal response. That, of course, is against the standing orders.

The SPEAKER: As I understand the question, it is whether legal advice has been sought. You cannot ask a question that seeks legal advice, but asking a question about whether legal advice is sought is something that the Premier can choose to answer, or respond to in whichever way he likes.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Not to my knowledge.