

TIKTOK — GOVERNMENT BAN

401. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations:

I refer to recent reports that federal and state governments around the world are banning the use of TikTok on government devices due to suspected data collection.

- (1) Is the minister engaging federal cybersecurity agencies for advice amid concerns over the social video app's link to China?
- (2) Is the minister concerned about Department of the Premier and Cabinet employees using TikTok accounts?
- (3) Does the minister intend to put in place a restriction on downloading TikTok on government-owned devices?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The WA government has sought advice from the commonwealth on any potential security risks associated with TikTok. Advice on the installation and use of TikTok on government-issued devices will be appropriately considered following advice from the commonwealth. The WA government is committed to protecting the community through strong cybersecurity measures.