

NATURE POSITIVE — COMMONWEALTH REFORM

108. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the concerns outlined in today's *The West Australian* on the so-called secret overhaul of environmental laws related to the so-called "nature positive" reforms.

- (1) Has the Premier received a full briefing on the proposed reforms?
- (2) Does the Premier support the federal minister's approach to secretive closed-door briefings on the changes, given they will have a significant impact on jobs and the wellbeing of Western Australians?
- (3) When will the Premier be transparent with the people of Western Australia about the job losses and loss of investment that will flow from the proposed changes?
- (4) Has the Premier sought an analysis of the impact on the WA economy of the proposed changes?
- (5) If yes to (4), when will that analysis be available to the public?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(5) The state government is engaging with the commonwealth government on an ongoing basis to understand the potential impact of the planned legislation on Western Australia, and to highlight the need for thorough consultation on the detail of the legislation and the implementation of associated regulations, guidelines and policies. The Cook government is working hard to streamline its own approval processes and continues to emphasise the importance of reduced duplication and a streamlined interface between commonwealth and state processes. This government will maintain advocacy for the needs and interests of Western Australia to be appropriately considered in the development of the commonwealth reforms.