Hon. Matt Benson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

1. How long has the Government Media Statements website been “undergoing maintenance and upgrades”?
2. What were the “technical issues” that led to the establishment of the limited Interim Website that is presently available?
3. Will all former search functions and access to archived media statements be available on the “upgraded” website and if not why not?
4. When will the website be fully functional again?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises:

1-2. The Ministerial Media Statements website suffered a major failure approximately six weeks ago which caused the loss of full functionality including search functions and ability to access archived media statements. A number of technical issues contributed to the system failure. It appears some of these issues related back to when the system was originally developed in the 2007-08 period and meant that data has been corrupted and this has adversely impacted upon the ability to move data from the older system to a new system required to meet growth and demand.

3-4. Most functionality to the website will be restored this week while further work continues to address the data corruption issue.