

BARLEY EXPORTS — CHINESE TARIFFS

463. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the response to China's imposition of tariffs on Western Australian barley.

- (1) Does the Premier now regret not taking a stronger stance against the bullying tactics and language used by China in the preceding weeks?
- (2) Has the Premier asked for advice from his billionaire mining mates on how to deal with China's decision to impose a nearly 80 per cent tariff on Western Australian barley imports?
- (3) Does the Premier plan to respond to China's imposition overnight of punitive tariffs on Western Australian barley imports?

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House, I think Hon Colin Tincknell might be seeking an opinion in the middle of that question.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

Yes. Anyway, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Premier has urged the federal government to deal with this issue and has reached out personally to the Prime Minister, offering his help.
- (2) In reference to "billionaire mining friends", it is unclear to whom the honourable member is referring.
- (3) The Premier expects the federal government to respond swiftly to the issue of tariffs on Australian barley.