

METRONET — COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS — TENDER PROCESS

406. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to Chinese companies ZTE and Huawei who have expressed an interest in contracting for works associated with Metronet.

- (1) Have any members of cabinet met with representatives from either of these companies?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Premier please provide dates, location and attendees?
- (3) Have representatives of these companies ever attended any Labor Party fundraising events?
- (4) Have donations been received by the Labor Party from either of these companies?

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House, I do not think the last couple of parts of the question are in the purview of the minister responsible, so you might just want to respond to the first part of the question.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) We are unable to provide an answer in the time provided. The member might appreciate that we would need to check with every minister and in the time provided we have been unable to do that. It is requested that the member put the question on notice.
- (3)–(4) I do have a response that reflects, effectively, what the President has just said about these parts of the question; that is, questions regarding fundraising should be directed to the political party concerned.