

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET — DIRECTOR GENERAL — APPOINTMENT

673. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the answer provided on 16 August 2017 to my question without notice concerning the appointment of the Premier's friend Mr Darren Foster to the position of director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

- (1) Of the 10 applications received for the position of director general, how many were short-listed for an interview?
- (2) Of those short-listed for an interview, how many were interviewed?
- (3) Was Mr Foster interviewed?
- (4) How many of those people interviewed were recommended as suitable for appointment?
- (5) How many applicants of those interviewed and recommended as suitable for appointment were recommended to cabinet for consideration?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I reject the inference in the honourable member's preamble.

- (1) There were four applications.
- (2) Three were interviewed. One candidate withdrew before being interviewed.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The selection panel found two candidates were suitable.
- (5) The Public Sector Commission consulted with the Premier as the responsible minister. One candidate was recommended to be appointed to the role through the established cabinet process.