

CITY OF PERTH — FACIAL RECOGNITION CAMERAS

**721. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:**

I refer to the City of Perth council, which was suspended in March 2018 and is now run by three state government-appointed commissioners. The commissioners are pressing ahead with a trial of 30 facial recognition cameras across East Perth, which are equipped with software that uses deep-learning artificial intelligence to recognise faces, count passing people and vehicles, and track movement.

- (1) Has there been any community consultation about this trial?
- (2) If no to (1), who has the City of Perth consulted with?
- (3) How many complaints has the City of Perth or the state government received regarding this rollout?
- (4) Does the state government concede there is no empirical evidence that supports the assertion that blanket surveillance is effective in preventing serious crime and terrorism, either domestically or internationally?
- (5) Will any type of warrant be required when seeking facial recognition technology?
- (6) How will the data be stored?
- (7) Who will have access to the data?

**The PRESIDENT:** The member might want to think about standing order 105 in relation to being concise.

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

It is also the case that these matters are outside the minister's jurisdiction and should be asked of the City of Perth directly.

**The PRESIDENT:** I give the call to Hon Simon O'Brien—or perhaps not!