

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS — GIFT DISCLOSURE — HON DARREN WEST**

*Question without Notice 770 — Supplementary Information*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [5.07 pm]: I wish to clarify the answer I provided to the Legislative Council on Thursday, 2 November 2017. At the time the response was prepared, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries was aware of only one formal complaint regarding election donations. However, an email complaint regarding election gifts had been sent to the department's generic information inbox by Hon Martin Aldridge, MLC, on Wednesday evening, 1 November 2017.

Unfortunately, the departmental officer responsible for allocating that complaint to the governance section of the local government, liquor and gambling division was not at work due to illness on both Thursday and Friday and the complaint was not actioned until Monday, 6 November 2017.

I am advised that the department is updating the management of its generic email addresses and will be improving the information available on its website to ensure that members of the public are aware of the department's complaints email address. This will ensure that these matters are directed to the appropriate people and dealt with in a timely manner. In this case, I understand the complaint in question had already been received by the department from a different source and it was actioned last week.