

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY — GOVERNANCE PRACTICES CHANGE

652. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Environment:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister rule out asking Mr Wauchope to give advice to prove that he did not give Dr Vogel advice —

Several members interjected.

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: I will say it again. Does the minister rule out Mr Wauchope giving advice to Dr Vogel, the chair of the Environmental Protection Authority, that it was reasonable for members of the EPA to participate in the deliberations of proposals that they may have a conflict of interest in?

Mr A.P. JACOB replied:

I think that I have caught the substantive question in that particular matter. I do not have the advice or the document that the member opposite is referring to, but my recollection of the advice that I think the member is referring to—the advice from 2011—from the Public Sector Commission to the chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority was that the code of conduct needed to comply with all relevant sections of the Environmental Protection Act. This is what has subsequently been found to have not happened.