

GOVERNOR'S ESTABLISHMENT

**486. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the increased allocation in the state budget to the Governor's establishment to meet "strategic advocacy and diplomacy outcomes", and for additional staffing to host functions and hospitality based events, conferences and seminars.

- (1) On what occasion or occasions did the Premier discuss this role for the Governor with Hon Kim Beazley, AC, and what was said?
- (2) What precisely are the "strategic advocacy and diplomacy outcomes" the Governor is meant to achieve?
- (3) Who will determine those objectives and who will decide whether those objectives have been met and by what performance criteria?
- (4) Was any advice sought or received from the Solicitor-General or the State Solicitor or otherwise about the proposed role and its compatibility with the doctrine of separation of powers between the Governor and the executive; and, if not, why not?
- (5) If any such advice was received, will the Premier table that advice; and, if not, why not?
- (6) Is there a business case or other needs analysis to support the additional allocation of funding; and, if so, by whom was it prepared, when, and will the Premier table it?
- (7) If there is no such business case or analysis, how was the amount and purpose of the funding determined?
- (8) Will the Premier provide a breakdown of how the additional \$1.4 million will be spent, and, specifically, how much is to be spent on —
  - (i) staff, including their roles, titles and pay levels;
  - (ii) hospitality-based events;
  - (iii) conferences;
  - (iv) seminars; and
  - (v) food and beverages?

**The PRESIDENT:** Before I give the call to the minister, I am just going to say that that question probably does not meet the criteria for concision. You might want to think about that, member.

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN:** I take your point, Madam President.

**The PRESIDENT:** Thank you. It is a bit late, but, anyway.

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

Given the level of detail required, we are unable to provide an answer in the time provided. It is requested that the member put the question on notice. I note that this question has about 15 parts.