

MINISTER FOR TOURISM — PROPERTY DEVELOPERS — CONTACT

273. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

Has the Minister or Ministerial staff met or had any contact with any property development companies or property developers since 17 March 2017, and if so:

- (a) what are the dates for each meeting or contact;
- (b) who was contacted;
- (c) who made the contact;
- (d) what was the nature of the contact;
- (e) where was each meeting held;
- (f) who was present at each meeting; and
- (g) what was discussed at each meeting?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

Given there is no clear definition of “property developer”;

And given there is no official list or register of “property developers”;

And given property developers can range from those who are self-employed and “mum and dad” operations to those who work for large companies;

And given property development is often not the primary interest or pursuit for many in business;

And given the member has not specified as to whether he’s referring to locally-based property developers or those based interstate and overseas;

I believe this question is extremely broad and could be referring to hundreds of possible individuals and companies.

As such I ask the member to be more specific in his question rather than simply referring to “ANY property developer or property development company”.

As far as I’m aware, such a broad question relating to “property developers” and “property development companies” has never been asked in the Western Australian Parliament nor answered.

If the member is interested in whether the Minister has met with a particular property development company or property developer, I ask he be clear and specify which property development company or property developer he is actually interested in.

I am not prepared to divert valuable resources and waste the time of staff chasing vague questions that are nothing more than fishing exercises.

I would rather those resources were spent on helping this government deliver on our plan to create jobs for Western Australians, on tackling our meth crisis and fixing the financial mess that was left by the Liberal-National Government.