

MINISTERIAL BEHAVIOUR — COMPLAINTS

320. Hon AARON STONEHOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Ministerial Code of Conduct, as published on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website, and in particular to the introductory statement. I quote —

Ministers have significant discretionary power and make decisions that can greatly affect individuals and the community. Consequently, it is necessary to set higher standards of conduct for them than for other categories of elected office holders.

- (1) Have any complaints regarding ministerial behaviour been received by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet since the McGowan government came to power?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many such complaints have been lodged and to which ministerial portfolios did the complaints relate?
- (3) What are the average investigation and response times for such complaints?
- (4) Are any such investigations currently ongoing?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The department has received one formal complaint about ministerial behaviour since March 2017. The matter related to the Minister for Sport and Recreation and is being investigated. It is anticipated that it will be finalised in the near future.