

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE — RECRUITMENT

337. Hon PETER COLLIER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

Thank you, Madam President. I am looking forward to day one.

- (1) What was the reason for expanding the number of applicants on the short list for the position of Commissioner of Police from six to 10?
- (2) Is the Premier aware of whether any ministers, including the Premier, members of Parliament or government staff spoke with any members of the merit panel prior to the short list being expanded to 10?
- (3) If yes to (2), who had those conversations; on what date; what was the nature of those conversations; and with which member or members of the merit panel were those conversations?
- (4) Did the Public Sector Commissioner initiate the expansion of the short list following conversations with any members of the merit panel?
- (5) If yes to (4), which merit panel member initiated the conversation, and what was the nature of the conversation?
- (6) What are the names of the interviewees who were notified that they were unsuccessful in progressing to an interview and were subsequently advised they would proceed to an interview?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Public Sector Commission advises as follows.

- (1) The initial short listing identified 10 candidates who met the criteria. The selection panel assessed and agreed that six of these candidates be interviewed.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The Premier is aware that the Public Sector Commissioner sought a meeting to brief the Minister for Police on the progress of the recruitment process and to seek feedback on the priorities of the government to assist in the panel's interviewing. This meeting took place on 19 June 2017. The Public Sector Commissioner advised that an interviewee would be overseas on the scheduled interview date; accordingly, the process would be conducted over two non-consecutive days and there was scope to interview all the candidates who met the criteria.
- (4) The panel agreed to expand to all candidates who met the criteria at the suggestion of the Public Sector Commissioner.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Recruitment processes are confidential and the names of candidates will not be released.