

DARREN FOSTER — SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS — EMPLOYMENT

**511. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's response to question without notice 485.

- (1) In view of the Premier's advice that Mr Foster, in his role as director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, is responsible for the employment of senior executive service officers in his department, can the Premier categorically advise that Mr Foster has played no role in the employment of SES officers in any other public sector department, agency or authority?
- (2) If not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) As director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Mr Foster is responsible for the employment of SES officers in that department. That may include the transfer or secondment of such officers to other departments, agencies or authorities within the public sector, which is an appropriate function of his role.

He has not been involved as a panel member in any selection processes for SES positions outside the Department of the Premier and Cabinet since being appointed director general. He may be a referee for an applicant for SES vacancies in other public sector departments, agencies or authorities and this is entirely appropriate given his public sector background.