

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE — ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Statement by Leader of the House

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.08 pm]: At the outset, I apologise to the house for the number of questions that we did not have answers for. I am advised that the officer who is normally responsible for receiving and processing questions is currently on leave, and will be on leave until 10 October. I am told that she has sent an email to people, asking them to lodge their questions with an alternative officer, Amanda Low. I am also told that the officer on leave has set up an automatic out-of-office email reply, so members who lodged questions with her today should have got that reply. I am aware that at least the Leader of the Opposition did not get that out-of-office message when he lodged his question this morning. I undertake to make sure that an email is sent to everybody tonight, advising them of who to lodge their questions with between now and 10 October. I know everybody is busy, but I ask members to check whether they did or did not receive notification from the normal officer with whom they lodge their questions so that I can make sure that —

Hon Nick Goiran: I didn't!

Hon SUE ELLERY: Perhaps do not answer me by interjection. The member can provide me with the answer in a more organised fashion and I can then take it up. I think this highlights that we probably need a more central email address that others can access when people take the very reasonable step of taking leave for all sorts of reasons.