

DEPUTY PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — BUSINESS SCAM

5854. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women's Interests:

I refer to the online news article published by the ABC online on 17 August 2016 in relation to scammers stealing \$500,000 from West Australian businesses over the past two years as reported by the Department of Consumer Protection, and I ask:

- (a) have any WA Government agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibility fallen victim to these scams over the past two years;
- (b) if so which agencies have been impacted;
- (c) for each agency impacted, what was the nature of, and the dollar amount lost in connection to each scam;
- (d) have criminal charges been laid against any persons or entities in connection to these scams; and
- (e) what measures have you taken to ensure that public funds are not lost to scammers via WA Government agencies?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

WA Police

WA Police advise:

- (a) No.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.
- (e) Western Australia Police have enhanced controls and processes specifically aimed at addressing these types of scams.

Department of Training and Workforce Development

The Department of Training and Workforce Development advise:

- (a) No.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.
- (e) The Department of Training and Workforce Development and TAFE colleges have enhanced controls and processes specifically aimed at addressing these types of scams.

Road Safety Commission

The Road Safety Commission advise:

- (a) No.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.
- (e) The Road Safety Commission have enhanced controls and processes specifically aimed at addressing these types of scams.

Building Construction Industry Training Fund

The Building Construction Industry Training Fund advise:

- (a) No.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.
- (e) The Building Construction Industry Training Fund have enhanced controls and processes specifically aimed at addressing these types of scams.

Department of Education Services

The Department of Education Services is accountable to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development for supporting the Training Accreditation Council. For its other functions the Department is accountable to the Minister for Education. The Department of Education Services is included in the response to the question from the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs.

Department of Local Government and Communities

Women's Interests is administratively supported as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities and, as such, the response will be included in the Department of Local Government and

Communities' response under the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth.