

TOURISM — STEPHEN WOOD — DISMISSAL

222. Hon PETER COLLIER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the agreement between the government and the director general of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation to part ways and to the Premier's comment on Friday, 6 April 2018, when he stated —

“Principally, the Government was not satisfied with the way the tourism portfolio was being managed and it was decided the department needed to move in a new direction,” ...

- (1) Which key performance indicators did Mr Wood have with which the government was not satisfied?
- (2) If Mr Wood did not have any KPIs, what specific issues relating to the management of the tourism portfolio was the government not satisfied with and why was Mr Wood being held responsible for this?
- (3) How many times has the Premier met with Mr Wood since 1 January 2018 and on what date was the first occasion the Premier indicated he was not satisfied with the way the tourism portfolio was being managed?
- (4) What payment has been, or will be, made to Mr Wood as a result of the government agreeing to part ways with Mr Wood and can an itemised breakdown of the payment be provided; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The government was not satisfied with the rate of change within the department to reflect key priorities, including tourism.
- (3) Since the creation of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation on 1 July 2017, the Premier has officially met with Mr Wood 22 times. Issues relating to the departure of Mr Wood had been raised by the Premier since 2017.
- (4) This matter is still being determined by the Public Sector Commission.