

MINISTER FOR POLICE — PRINCIPAL POLICY ADVISER — LORNA CLARKE

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

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* of 12 October 2017 entitled “Ministerial adviser errs in poll bid”.

- (1) What documents and information has Lorna Clarke, the current senior adviser to the Minister for Police, got access to?
- (2) Prior to her nomination as a Labor councillor for the City of Bayswater, did she seek approval from her minister and the director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet?
- (3) Has Lorna Clarke used any of the resources of the ministerial office to which she is attached to assist with her election to the City of Bayswater?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Ms Clarke has access to the standard information that a ministerial adviser has access to.
- (2) Yes. Ms Clarke informed her manager and the department of her intention to run for office. At that time, discussions occurred regarding strategies to ensure the mitigation of any potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest.
- (3) Ms Clark agreed not to use any government resources to undertake work related to her campaign.