

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS — GIFT DISCLOSURE — HON DARREN WEST

795. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* of 4 November 2017 headed, “Labor MP accused of donor breach”.

- (1) Given Mr West’s admission in the article that he had not complied with the local government regulations, will the Premier stand him aside as a parliamentary secretary until an investigation by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is undertaken?
- (2) If no to (1) what action will the Premier take against Mr West given the standards that the Premier has set for the local government sector and his desire to have the power to sack councillors who do not live up to those standards?
- (3) Given the assertions made by the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food in the Legislative Council that disclosure by donors is not a requirement and that she herself participated in fundraising activities for local government candidates, is the Premier satisfied that the minister and other members of the executive government are compliant with Western Australian law?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Premier has provided the following answer.

- (1)–(3) As I understand it, complaints have been made to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Those complaints will be assessed by the department and a determination made in due course.