

MEDIA STATEMENTS EMAIL SERVICE

**124. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the answers to my questions without notice on 16 and 24 May 2017 in which the Leader of the House informed the house that the Premier's director of communications, Daniel Pastorelli, who is claimed by some to be good on detail, is, firstly, responsible for authorising media statements prior to public release and, secondly, has had that responsibility from 20 March 2017.

- (1) Would the Premier not expect that his director should have known that the Minister for Regional Development was not a member of the Legislative Council until 22 May 2017?
- (2) Further to (1), why then did he authorise the public release of 11 media statements from the Minister for Regional Development, falsely claiming that she was a member of the Legislative Council?
- (3) Further to (2), will the Premier assure us that he will implement new measures so that the people of Western Australia can retain confidence in all the content of the government's media statements rather than having to sift through them to determine which parts are accurate and which parts are not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) Further to standing order 105(1)(b), it is my understanding that questions in this place may not seek an opinion. However, to assist the honourable member I can confirm that the use of “MLC” was an administrative error, misused due to internal Department of the Premier and Cabinet templates.

Several members interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Members! One person has the call, and that is Hon Jacqui Boydell.