

HUAWEI — CYBER SECURITY COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE

390. Hon PETER COLLIER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 81, asked on Thursday, 14 February 2019.

- (1) Did the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre raise concerns with the awarding of the contract to Huawei?
- (2) If yes to (1), what concerns did the CRC raise?
- (3) Who from the CRC was consulted?
- (4) On what dates was the CRC consulted?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre did not provide any formal advice raising concerns in relation to the awarding of the contract to Huawei. Consultation on this matter occurred between the former Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and the Edith Cowan University lead for the CRC. A search of records does not indicate the date on which this consultation occurred. Relevant national security agencies were consulted on this matter and were the primary source of advice to the state. Members of the opposition have previously sighted this advice at a confidential briefing at Parliament House on 5 July 2018.