

MEMBER ELECTORATE ALLOWANCE — POLITICAL CANDIDATE PROMOTION

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

I refer to government members' utilisation of their electorate allowance.

- (1) Is the Premier aware of any state government member who has used or is using their electorate allowance to print material that promotes a federal Labor candidate?
- (2) Is the Premier aware of any state government member who has used or is using their electorate allowance to print material that promotes the political candidacy of a family member?
- (3) Is the Premier aware of any state government member who has used or is using their electorate allowance to undertake both (1) and (2)?
- (4) If yes to any or all of the above questions, which state government member has acted, or is acting, in this way; and, how is this behaviour consistent with the standards of openness, accountability and transparency the Premier has set?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The Premier does not monitor individual members with respect to the way in which they spend their electorate allowances. The Premier would expect all members to adhere to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal's determination around the utilisation of electoral allowances, and would strongly encourage members to use their electoral allowances to assist in the effective representation of their electorate.