

GST DISTRIBUTION

327. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the responses to my question asked on 22 June 2017 regarding the issue of improving Western Australia's share of GST.

- (1) Since the election, when has the Premier discussed with the federal Leader of the Opposition, Mr Bill Shorten, the issue of improving WA's GST share?
- (2) Given the Premier's refusal to reveal any precise commitment made by Mr Shorten to improve WA's GST share, is that because Mr Shorten has made no commitment to do so?
- (3) If he has made a commitment to improve WA's GST share, what precisely was that commitment?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Premier is focused on achieving a positive outcome for Western Australia on the GST distribution as soon as possible with the government currently in power at the federal level. The Premier will continue to fight for a better GST share for Western Australia and will and has engaged with anyone who will assist, whether the federal opposition, Western Australian business or anyone else.