

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

Question without Notice 170 — Answer Advice

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.04 pm]: I would like to provide an answer to Hon Nick Goiran’s question without notice 170 asked last week on 14 March, which I seek leave to have incorporated into *Hansard*.

The PRESIDENT: The Leader of the House seeks leave to incorporate that information into *Hansard*. Is leave granted?
Leave denied.

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House, you will need to read that in.

Hon SUE ELLERY: The answer is as follows.

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

- (1)–(3) I confirm my understanding that the information and documents requested relate to my answer to parliamentary question without notice 66. There is a strong public interest in preserving the ability of ministers to have access to full and frank advice from their department and/or officers for the purpose of carrying out their parliamentary functions. I do not consider that the public interest in keeping the information and documents requested confidential outweighs the public interest to be served in providing them to the honourable member. I therefore decline to provide the information and documents requested.
- (4) I will comply with any obligations imposed upon me by section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006, but I am of the view that my answer to part (3) does not give rise to any obligation to give further notice under section 82 as the information requested is not “information concerning any conduct or operation of an agency” within the meaning of section 82.