

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES — FIFTY-FIFTH REPORT —
DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET

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

I refer to the fifty-fifth report of the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges and the Premier's knowledge of the dealings of the director general and acting director general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet with the committee.

- (1) Did the director general, Mr Foster, and the acting director general, Ms Roper, communicate with the Premier by email concerning their dealings with the standing committee?
- (2) Did the Premier communicate with the director general and acting director general by email concerning their dealings with the standing committee?
- (3) If yes to (1) or (2), do those emails still exist, or have they been expunged?
- (4) If they no longer exist, when were they expunged, on whose instructions and initiative, and why?
- (5) If they do still exist, will the Premier table those emails; and, if not, why not?
- (6) If the Premier refuses to table the emails, is it because he is concerned that they may implicate him, Mr Foster or Ms Roper in the potential contempts of Parliament that are the subject of the report?

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House, I think the last part of the question might have been seeking an opinion.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I think it is, Madam President.

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. These are matters before the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, and it would not be appropriate to continue to comment on this matter.