

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

577. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice 555 asked on 14 August 2018, in which she informed the house that no record was made of the verbal advice she received on 2 July 2018.

- (1) If no record was made, on what basis was the minister able to say with confidence that the advice was received on the precise date of 2 July 2018?
- (2) Who provided the advice?
- (3) Where was the advice given?
- (4) Who was present when the advice was given?
- (5) Did the person who gave the verbal advice refer to any document in order to provide the advice?
- (6) If yes to (5), will the minister table that document?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The minister is able to say that the advice was received on 2 July 2018 as it was provided as part of the work of her office in the development of the opinion piece referred to in the member's previous question.
- (2) The advice was provided by the Department of Communities to a staff member of the minister's office who verbally briefed the minister.
- (3) The advice was given verbally to the minister, who was out of the office.
- (4) A member of the minister's staff provided the advice during a phone call to the minister.
- (5) The minister's staff member who was assisting the minister with the development of the opinion piece referred to information provided by the Department of Communities.
- (6) Yes. I table the attached email to the answer.

[See paper 1604.]