

GOVERNMENT WHIP

Statement by Leader of the House

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [2.57 pm]: As we have just heard, Hon Pierre Yang has been elected by the WA Labor caucus to the position of government Whip. This change of roles has been as a result of Hon Martin Pritchard resigning that position. I would like to thank Hon Martin Pritchard for all his hard work during the 12 months or so of this Parliament. He was new to the role and new to government. The Council, for the first time, consists of seven different parties, presenting to the Whip a unique set of challenges. Hon Martin Pritchard took on those challenges with dedication and good humour. I am sure I speak on behalf of all government members in thanking Hon Martin Pritchard for his service as government Whip and wishing him well. I congratulate Hon Pierre Yang on his election to this position and wish him well. I am sure he will quickly settle into his new role and bring to it his trademark dedication and diligence.