

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION — JASON TEY

**648. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the case of Western Australian photographer Jason Tey, who was subject to a sexual orientation discrimination complaint through the Western Australian Equal Opportunity Commission after he disclosed his Christian beliefs to a same-sex couple who wanted him to photograph their children. I note that the matter was escalated to the State Administrative Tribunal but subsequently abandoned.

- (1) Why was the complaint against Mr Tey escalated and not dismissed by the WA Equal Opportunity Commission?
- (2) Does the state government concede that the Tey case represents an infringement upon religious freedom in Western Australia?
- (3) Will the state government take action to prevent anti-discrimination laws from being further used to harass and coerce Christian service providers?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

Due to the short time frame and the detail required, the Attorney General requests that this question be put on notice.