

HUAWEI — SECURITY

29. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

Yesterday in Hungary, the United States Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, issued a warning to all US allies that doing business with the Chinese telecommunications company Huawei comes with significant risk for information security and privacy that could imperil cooperation with the United States. On 3 December last year, the head of MI6, Alex Younger, expressed similar concerns for Britain's allies, and the governments of New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the USA, other Australian states and our own federal government have all announced bans on Huawei's infrastructure technologies.

- (1) In light of these two serious warnings from Australia's two most significant military and intelligence allies, will the Premier seek a further security briefing with Australia's security agencies in an effort to better understand the obvious concerns shared by all members of the Five Eyes security program, besides the Premier and his government?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The advice the government received on this issue from federal agencies remains relevant, noting that the Public Transport Authority's radio network will be a 4G network not a 5G network. The Australian government decision of August 2018 was in relation to participation in 5G networks.