

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT —
MACHINERY-OF-GOVERNMENT CHANGES — EMMA WHITE

1206. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Premier's answer to Legislative Assembly Question Without Notice No.238 on 12 April 2018, in which he informed the other place that he had spoken to Emma White and asked her to stay on, and I ask:

- (a) on what date did the Premier have that conversation with Ms White;
- (b) where did the conversation take place; and
- (c) who else was present at the time the conversation took place?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a)–(c) Keeping in mind that this would have happened over a year ago, to the best recollection of the Premier, the conversation most likely took place on May 25, 2017 at Parliament House.

The Premier and Ms White were in the same meeting concerning Operation Fledermaus. After the meeting had concluded, the Premier took the opportunity to talk to Ms White personally, about her intention to leave Government and if there was some way the Government could change her mind.

While the diary entry for the meeting lists the following attendees, the conversation was between the Premier and Ms White and it is unclear who would have still been present when the conversation happened.

Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Child Protection

Caron Irwin, Chief of Staff to the Minister for Child Protection

Ben Wyatt MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Rohan Worsdell, Principal Policy Adviser to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Michelle Roberts MLA, Minister for Police

Dr Karl O'Callaghan, Police Commissioner, WA Police

Andrea Hancock, Chief of Staff to the Police Commissioner

Emma White, Director General, Child Protection & Family Services

Vaughan Davies, Director General, Department of Aboriginal Affairs

Darren Foster, Director General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Ben O'Rourke, Director – Community and Human Services, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Guy Houston – Chief of Staff to the Premier.