

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN — CAR ALLOWANCE

7. Hon PETER COLLIER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Which ministers, including the Premier, have received a car allowance in addition to having access to a ministerial car and driver?
- (2) Are any ministers, including the Premier, still double dipping on the car allowance?
- (3) Which ministers, including the Premier, have paid back the full amount for the car allowance?
- (4) On what date did the Premier become aware of the double dipping by ministers?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

Can I check the number? I think there was a preamble to the question.

Hon Peter Collier: C025.

Hon SUE ELLERY: Thank you. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The Premier became aware of this issue as part of incoming government briefings and has since written to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal requesting that the tribunal reconsider its determination. The determination by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal was made on 1 December 2016 under the previous government, the government to which the honourable member belonged, and was not made public. It is disappointing that this was kept secret and that this government has been forced to clean it up. This affects all ministers and as such this government is moving to have it rectified as soon as possible. The Premier has proposed a simple remedy to this arrangement—to return to the previous determination concerning office holder vehicle entitlements, which would see metropolitan-based ministers no longer able to receive both entitlements.