

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES — FIFTY-FIFTH REPORT —
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969. Hon PETER COLLIER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer the Premier to his response to question without notice 947 asked in this house on Wednesday, 4 September 2019, in which he stated —

I draw the member's attention to the fact that the two questions, while similar, are not the same.

I also refer the Premier to the member for Moore's question without notice 679 asked in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, 28 August 2019, in which he asked —

Can the Premier guarantee that no access has been granted to any persons within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to the email accounts of serving members of Parliament?

To which the Premier's subsequent response was —

To the best of my knowledge, no.

I also refer to question without notice 884 that I asked of the Premier in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, 21 August 2019, which asked —

Has the network account of any current member of Parliament or their electorate office's email account been accessed by Department of the Premier and Cabinet staff without the knowledge of the member or their staff?

To which the Premier's subsequent response was —

These matters are before the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, and it would not be appropriate to continue to comment on this matter.

- (1) Which of the answers that the Premier provided to the member for Moore on 28 August 2019 and to me on 21 August is correct?
- (2) Why did the Premier refuse to inform the Legislative Council of the same details he provided to the Legislative Assembly on precisely the same issue?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The two answers were both correct. I note that the member has not quoted the entirety of question without notice 884. The second part of his question made the scope of that question far broader. The Legislative Council was informed on 4 September in the same words as were provided to the Legislative Assembly.

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the Opposition.

Hon PETER COLLIER: Sorry, it makes me so angry, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT: Just ask your question. Take a breath.

Hon PETER COLLIER: Just the contempt!