

METHAMPHETAMINE — MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES

312. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment for certain methamphetamine offences.

- (1) Did the Premier, when Leader of the Opposition, say that Labor would match the mandatory jail terms proposed by the Liberals on Sunday, 5 February 2017, as reported on page 9 of *The West Australian* of Monday, 6 February 2017?
- (2) Did the Premier, when Leader of the Opposition, offer support to the proposal as reported by the ABC news on Sunday, 5 February 2017; and, if not, what did he mean when he said that he was “fine with what they’re saying” when asked about the Liberal commitment?
- (3) Did WA Labor match the Liberal promise as reported by then Channel Nine news reporter Josh Jerga on 7 February as one of the “Promises BOTH Liberal and Labor have committed to so far”?
- (4) If the Premier, when Leader of the Opposition, was not committing to matching the proposal for mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment, why did he not correct those reports and any misunderstanding that might arise from such incorrect reportage, or was he content to mislead the public about his intentions in the lead-up to the election?
- (5) If he did so commit, why has he reneged on that commitment?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

As the honourable member should be well aware, questions in this place must relate to actions taken following the swearing in of a minister, not before.