

LOTTERYWEST — CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

243. Hon JIM CHOWN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the recent resignation of the Lotterywest chief executive officer, Paul Andrew, who unexpectedly resigned halfway through his five-year contract.

- (1) When was the government first advised of Mr Andrew's intention to resign?
- (2) Did the government encourage Mr Andrew to resign?
- (3) What are the circumstances of Mr Andrew's resignation?
- (4) Is there truth to reports that Mr Andrew refused to finance through Lotterywest grants election commitments made by the government during the campaign period?

The PRESIDENT: Leader of the House, I am not sure whether that last part of the question is seeking an opinion.

Hon Jim Chown interjected.

The PRESIDENT: I am speaking.

Hon Jim Chown: My apologies.

The PRESIDENT: I think the Leader of the House could answer the first three questions, but I do not think she has to respond to the final question if she does not wish to.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

Thank you for that advice, Madam President; I am comfortable with the answer I have.

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

- (1) The government was advised on Wednesday, 14 June 2017.
- (2)–(4) Mr Andrew was appointed to the position of chief executive officer to bring about organisational change for Lotterywest, which he has achieved. It was mutually agreed that Mr Andrew would step down from the role of CEO. The Lotteries Commission Act 1990 is clear that the allocation of grants is independently determined by the Lotterywest board.