

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES — FIFTY-FIFTH REPORT —
EMAIL ACCESS

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

I refer the Premier to his response to question without notice 969 on Thursday, 5 September 2019, in which he stated, in part —

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.

I refer also to the Premier’s answer to question without notice 884, in which he responded to parts (1) and (2) —

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

- (1) Does the Premier stand by his response to (1) of question without notice 884 that it would be inappropriate to comment on these matters because they are before the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges when he was asked whether the network account of any current member of Parliament or their electorate office’s email account had been accessed by Department of the Premier and Cabinet staff without the knowledge of the member or their staff?
- (2) If yes to (1), why did the Premier give this response to the Legislative Council when his response to the member for Moore’s identical question in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, 28 August 2019, was, “To the best of my knowledge, no”?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The two answers to the two different questions were provided seven days apart. The question asked by the member for Moore specifically referenced Mr Foster and DPC officials. The director general had publicly stated that neither he nor any official from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet had viewed the email of any members of Parliament. The Premier simply reiterated the public statement made by Mr Foster.