

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES — FIFTY-FIFTH REPORT —
DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET

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

I refer to the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges fifty-fifth report and the Premier's contemptuous refusal to supply information in answer to my questions regarding his knowledge of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's director general and acting director general's dealings with the committee.

- (1) Why does the Premier refuse to provide the information sought?
- (2) Is it because he is concerned that it will implicate him as complicit in the potential contempts of Parliament, the subject of the report?
- (3) In the spirit of respect for and accountability to Parliament, will he reconsider his response to my questions of 15 August and now provide the information sought?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) As answered previously, the Premier is in regular contact with his department on a range of matters.

Hon Michael Mischin interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Hon Donna Faragher would like to ask a question.

Hon DONNA FARAGHER: Yes, I do.

Hon Michael Mischin interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Hon Donna Faragher, I look forward to your question.

Hon DONNA FARAGHER: Thank you; it is a very good question, too, Madam President.