

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN — MOTOR VEHICLE ENTITLEMENTS

**18. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Executive Transport Service, formerly the Government Garage.

- (1) Which ministers have been provided with a departmental motor vehicle arising from their office held; and, if so, detail the make and model of the vehicle?
- (2) Has any minister, having received a departmental vehicle, ceased to have access to the vehicle or returned the vehicle to the department?
- (3) Of those ministers who have been provided with a departmental vehicle arising from the office held, which ministers are also supplied with a government lease vehicle arising from the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination?
- (4) When did the Premier write to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal in relation to this matter and will he table this correspondence?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) The Premier became aware of this issue as part of incoming government briefings and has since written to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal requesting that the tribunal reconsider its determination.

**Hon Peter Collier** interjected.

**Hon SUE ELLERY:** Does the member want me to read out the answer that I have in front of me?

**Hon Peter Collier** interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Let us hear the answer.

**Hon SUE ELLERY:** I am trying to read the answer that I have been given.

**Hon Michael Mischin** interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! Let us hear the answer.

**Hon SUE ELLERY:** The determination by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal was made on 1 December 2016 under the previous government, the government to which the honourable member belonged, and was not made public. It is disappointing that this was kept —

Several members interjected.

**Hon SUE ELLERY:** I will have to start again. It is disappointing that this was kept secret and it is disappointing that this government has been forced to clean it up. This affects all ministers and, as such, the government is moving to have it rectified as soon as possible. The Premier has proposed a simple remedy to this arrangement—to return to the previous determination concerning office holder vehicle entitlements, which would see metropolitan-based ministers no longer able to receive both entitlements.