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GOLF COURSE — HARVEY

699. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the Shire of Harvey's town planning scheme 12, clause 6.2, which states, according to my notes —

The Developer shall carry out the development of the Golf Course ... so that the Golf Course can function effectively at least at the level of an 18-hole international standard Golf Course ...

The developer closed the golf course in 2020 and it has now fallen into disrepair. The development and golf course is now owned by Fiveight, an Andrew Forrest–affiliated company, which can afford to pay for the obligations to which it is legally obliged to provide.

- (1) Will the minister exercise his powers under section 211 of the Planning and Development Act to refer the matter to the State Administrative Tribunal for its independent report and recommendations on the enforcement of the developer's obligations under town planning scheme 12 relating to the golf course?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Does the fact that the WA Labor Party received a donation of \$27 500 from Fortescue Metals Group, a related entity to Fiveight, affect the decision to refer the matter to the State Administrative Tribunal?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Planning.

- (1) No.
- (2) The previous Minister for Planning determined that the matter does not require referral to the State Administrative Tribunal as conveyed to the member in writing in a letter dated 26 October 2021.
- (3) Questions relating to donations to political parties are a matter for political parties.