

SAFEWA APP — ACCESS — POLICE INVESTIGATION

**961. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice on 10 November 2021 in which I sought, for the second time, to ascertain whether the Commissioner of Police ever raised the issue of Western Australia police officers seeking orders to produce SafeWA app records with the former minister and the incorrect answer that "Only the previous minister can answer this question."

- (1) Is the minister aware of the President's ruling on 9 November 2021 that —  
... actions taken by the Commissioner of Police are a matter of public affairs or administration to which the Minister for Police is connected.
- (2) Has the minister or any of his staff asked the Commissioner of Police whether he ever raised the issue with the previous minister?
- (3) If yes to (2), when did this occur and what was his answer?
- (4) From whom is the minister seeking advice about whether the briefing note to the current minister on 14 May 2021 can be provided, and when did the minister call for that advice?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(4) On 26 October 2021, the Commissioner of Police advised that he did not raise this issue with the previous minister. On 11 November 2021, formal advice was requested from the State Solicitor's Office.