

ATTORNEY GENERAL — UNFAIR DISMISSAL CASE

**151. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to my question without notice 85 on 22 February 2022 regarding the unfair dismissal case brought by the former electorate officer of the member for Kwinana in Public Service Appeal Board matter 31/2020 in which the Premier declined to provide information to the House, asserting that it would not be appropriate to respond.

- (1) Is the Premier aware that on 17 March 2016, Hon Sue Ellery said that “accurate and timely information to Parliament and its transparent dissemination is essential”?
- (2) Are reports true that the Premier said under oath in open court this month that “gold-standard transparency does not apply to every single thing”?
- (3) Will the Premier reconsider providing the requested information to Parliament, which includes uncomplicated material such as when the Premier was last briefed about the status of the case, and what the cost is to taxpayers?
- (4) If no to (3), will the Premier undertake to comply with the law of our state and give a notice to the Auditor General in compliance with section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) As stated in the Premier’s response to Legislative Council question without notice 85 on 22 February 2022, the matter is currently before the Public Service Appeal Board and, as such, it would not be appropriate to comment. It is worth noting the apparent hypocrisy of the member asking this question, who commenced defamation proceedings against his own party following the release of an internal review into the “odious behaviour” of members of “The Clan”, of which he is a leader.
- (4) The information sought by the member does not relate to the conduct or operation of an agency within the meaning of section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006, and, as such, no requirement to provide a notice arises.