

PUBLIC SERVICE FUNCTIONAL REVIEW, REPORT

170. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer to the Public Service Functional Review headed by Michael Costello and ask -

- (a) when will this Review submit its report;
- (b) what are its terms of reference;
- (c) what are the costs of this Review;
- (d) what is the breakdown of these costs;
- (e) what is the contract price for the services of Michael Costello and Alan Skinner; and
- (f) what facilities and other resources have been provided to the Review team?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) the final report is to be provided to the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet by 31 December 2002.
- (b) the Terms of Reference are:
  - 1. To examine each agency's programs, functions, activities and services in detail to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of each of its programs, functions, activities and services.
  - 2. To assess each program's consistency with and relevance to the Government's objectives and Policy priorities.
  - 3. To identify more effective and efficient alternative methods of program delivery where applicable.
  - 4. To identify possible cost savings at the program level.
  - 5. To examine the adequacy of current asset management practices to ensure maximum utilisation of Government assets.
  - 6. To identify areas of expenditure including procurement reform, where a whole-of-Government approach would produce a more cost effective outcome
  - 7. To report findings to the Expenditure Review Committee on a monthly basis with a final report to be provided by 31 December 2002.
- (c)-(e) The costs of the review will comprise:
  - Consultancy costs for members of the Taskforce as follows:
    - Michael Costello: \$180,000 (inclusive of GST) plus travel and accommodation expenses.
    - Allan Skinner: \$100,000 (inclusive of GST) plus travel and accommodation outside the Perth metropolitan area.
  - Consultancy costs for reviews of asset management, procurement and corporate services: \$630,000.
  - Other incidental costs to date total \$125,000.
- (f) With the exception of administrative support positions, staff supporting the Taskforce are seconded from public sector agencies, with those agencies meeting the cost of the staff.