

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS — CONSULTANTS

13. Ms M.J. Davies to the minister representing the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to external consultants hired and tasked with assisting Departments, and ask:

- (a) For all departments or agencies under your responsibility, please detail:
 - (i) The number of private consultants hired in the 2020–21 Financial Year;
 - (ii) The total cost to the department for hiring those consultants;
 - (iii) The number of reports produced by those private consultants; and
 - (iv) The number of reports made public?

Mr R.H. Cook replied:

- (i)–(ii) As part of this government’s ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency, and in accordance with Premier’s Circular 2019/06, a six-monthly “Report on Consultants Engaged by the Government” is tabled in this place.

Reports for the 2020/21 financial year will be tabled shortly.

- (iii) 2 formal reports have been produced for the Mental Health Commission as of 24 June 2021. As was practice under the previous government, consultants may be engaged by the government to provide strategic advice.
- (iv) As of 24 June 2021, no formal reports produced have been publicly released. This figure is subject to change as reports produced are considered by government.