

BOARDS, REVIEWS, COMMITTEES, INQUIRIES AND TASK FORCES, ESTABLISHMENT

1904. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs

- (1) Since the election of the State Labor Government, how many boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces have been established within the Attorney General's portfolio?
- (2) Will the Attorney General list all the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (3) What is the name and qualification of each person who chairs each board, review, committee, inquiry and taskforce that has been established within the Attorney General's portfolio since the election of the State Labor Government?
- (4) Will the Attorney General list the commencement date and the completion date for all boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (5) Will the Attorney General list the total cost of sitting fees and the total cost for each of the boards, reviews, committees, inquiries and taskforces that have been established?
- (6) What payments, fees and sitting fees are paid to the chairperson of each board, review, committee, inquiry and taskforce that has been established within the Attorney General's portfolio?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(see response provided to PQ 1825)

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

- (1) None
- (2)-(6) Not applicable

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

- (1) Four within the Equal Opportunity Commission.
- (2)
 1. Gender Identity Working Party.
 2. Ministerial Committee on Gay and Lesbian Reform.
 3. Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia.
 4. Reference Group for the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia.
- (3)
 1. Ms Helen Versey, Senior Legal Officer at the Equal Opportunity Commission chaired the Gender Identity Working Party on behalf of the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity. Ms Versey has a law degree and is admitted as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of Western Australia. Ms Versey has a B.A. Honours Law and Sociology degree from Exeter University in the United Kingdom.

After Ms Versey moved interstate, her replacement, Mr Allan Macdonald, Senior Legal Officer at the Commission was the chair. Mr Macdonald has a law degree (LIB) from Murdoch University and is admitted as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
 2. Ms Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA, chaired the Ministerial Committee on Gay and Lesbian Reform. Ms Quirk is a lawyer (LIB Hons) and has also a Masters degree in Arts (MA).
 3. Ms Yvonne Henderson, Commissioner for Equal Opportunity, chairs the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia. Ms Henderson has a Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA), Diploma in Education (DipEd) and law degrees (LIB and LIM) from the University of Western Australia. She has been admitted as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
 4. Ms Pat Dudgeon, Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies chairs the Reference Group for the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia. Ms Dudgeon is a psychologist. She has completed a Bachelor of Applied Science degree (BASc) and a Graduate Diploma in Psychology (GDipPsych).

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 - 1. The commencement date of the Gender Identity Working Party was March 2001 and completion date December 2002.
 - 2. The commencement date of the Ministerial Committee on Gay and Lesbian Reform was March 2001 and its completion date June 2001.
 - 3. The commencement date of the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia was December 2002. This Investigation is progressing and its completion date is expected in late 2004/early 2005.
 - 4. The commencement date of the Reference Group for the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia was July 2003. This Investigation is progressing and its completion date is expected in late 2004/early 2005.
- (5)
 - 1. No sitting fees were paid to members of the Gender Identity Working Party.
 - 2. No sitting fees were paid to members of the Ministerial Committee on Gay and Lesbian Reform.
 - 3. There are no sitting fee costs for the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia. As this investigation is still in progress, the total cost may be determined upon its completion.
 - 4. There are no sitting fee costs for the Reference Group for the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia. As this investigation is still in progress, the total cost may be determined upon its completion.
- (6)
 - 1. As the Commissioner's staff chaired the Gender Identity Working Party, no payments, fees or sitting fees were applicable.
 - 2. No payments, fees or sittings were paid for the Ministerial Committee on Gay and Lesbian Reform.
 - 3. As the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity chairs the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia, payments, fees or sitting fees are not applicable.
 - 4. No payments, fees or sitting fees are paid to the chair of the Reference Group for the Investigation into the Provision of Public Housing for Aboriginal People in Western Australia. As this investigation is still in progress, the total cost may be determined upon its completion.

LEGAL AID WA

- (1) One.
- (2) Joint Review of Community Legal Centres.
- (3) George Turnbull, Director of Legal Aid.
- (4) Terms of Reference were approved in November 2002 and the Review completed in September 2003.
- (5) The Commonwealth and State Governments each contributed \$50,000 towards the cost of the review which included reimbursement of section representatives, travel costs, specialist consultancy, demographic analysis and time on the Joint Review Steering Committee.
- (6) Nil.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

- (1) None.
- (2)-(6) Not applicable

W.A. ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (1) None.
- (2)-(6) Not applicable