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Hon Dr Steve Thomas; Hon Matthew Swinbourn

GRIFFIN COAL — CONSULTANTS

107. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to my question without notice 1391 of 9 November 2023 pertaining to the partnering arrangement between the State Solicitor's Office and Ashurst for the provision of legal advice relating to the foreign-owned and insolvent Griffin Coal, and since the inception of the SSO and Ashurst partnering agreement on 2 December 2022 to 27 February 2024.

- (1) What monthly payments has the state directed to Ashurst for the provision of legal services pertaining to Griffin Coal?
- (2) How many Ashurst operatives or employees or subcontracted staff have been engaged in, advised or contributed to the partnering arrangement for the provision of legal services to the SSO pertaining to Griffin Coal?
- (3) Has there been any alteration, amendment or contractual variation to the open-ended duration and valuation of the SSO and Ashurst partnering arrangement; and, if so, what?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

An answer cannot be provided within the time available. A response will be provided before the end of this sitting week.