

ATTORNEY GENERAL — STATE LEGAL CASES — COST

Question without Notice 634 — Answer

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.04 pm]: On Thursday, 11 August 2022, in question without notice 634, Hon Nick Goiran requested that the Attorney General disclose the costs related to any cases involving the state. On behalf of the Attorney General, I informed the house that the Attorney General's office would provide information concerning the costs to the state for finalised cases at the next session of Parliament.

I can now convey, on behalf of the Attorney General, the following information in relation to parts (1) and (2) of question without notice 634.

- (1) The two actions have been finalised. The disbursements and external legal costs for both matters were \$23 146.10, including GST. This does not include any costs that may have been incurred by the Corruption and Crime Commission, the President of the Legislative Council and the Clerk of the Legislative Council, who were all independently represented. The State Solicitor's Office and the Solicitor-General represented the Attorney General in both matters. No fee was required to be paid.
- (2) This matter has been finalised. SSO acted on behalf of Minister McGurk. No fee was required to be paid. In addition, SSO engaged external lawyers and was issued with one invoice totalling \$5 468.65, including GST. Minister McGurk advised the Legislative Assembly on 10 May 2022 about other costs paid in this matter.