

PUBLIC TRUSTEE — FEES

**376. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Auditor General's performance audit, *Public Trustee's Administration of Trusts and Deceased Estates* recommendations.

- (1) How has the Public Trustee implemented each recommendation?
- (2) Has the Department of Treasury provided advice to the Attorney General on new models of funding that will ensure vulnerable Western Australians are not being charged fees that exceed the actual work effort?
- (3) If no to (2), what is the Attorney General doing to address the issue raised by the Auditor General of vulnerable Western Australians being charged fees that exceed actual work effort?

**Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the representative parliamentary secretary, I provide the following answer on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(3) Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Auditor General's report are impacted by the outcome of the Department of Treasury's review into the Public Trustee's fees and charges, funding model and governance arrangements. The government is awaiting the outcome of the Treasury review before implementing recommendations 1 and 2. The implementation of recommendation 3 is in progress. Recommendation 4 has been implemented.