

CRAWFORD V QUAIL

544. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the answers given during budget estimates for the Department of Justice on 21 October that revealed that in excess of \$274 000 of public money had been incurred in covering the legal costs of President Quail's defence in the matter of Crawford v Quail.

- (1) What was the final total cost incurred in covering President Quail's defence?
- (2) Which line item in the 2022–23 budget papers captures the expenditure relating to President Quail's defence?
- (3) Did Magistrate Crawford apply for her costs to be reimbursed?
- (4) If yes to (3), how much was applied for and how much was approved for reimbursement?
- (5) Which line item in the 2022–23 budget papers captures the expenditure relating to Magistrate Crawford's costs?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The amount was \$489 551, inclusive of GST.
- (2) An amount of \$87 692, inclusive of GST, is recorded within the 2020–21 actual in the income statement under the "Grants and subsidies" line item, which corresponds to the "Legal Costs on Behalf of the State" line item in the "Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies" table on page 455. The remaining amount will be reflected within the 2021–22 actual in the income statement under the "Grants and subsidies" line item in the 2023–24 budget papers.
- (3) No.
- (4)–(5) Not applicable.