

POLICE ROYAL COMMISSION, LEGAL SERVICES, COST

725. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to question on notice 2337, which was asked on Tuesday, 24 August 2004. The question was answered yesterday, 21 September 2004.

- (1) Did the expenditure of \$1 458 400 on legal services for Peter Hastings, QC include costs of his accommodation in Perth and his interstate travel between Sydney-Perth, Perth-Sydney, as well as his legal fee?
- (2) If yes, what sum was paid for -
 - (a) Mr Hastings' accommodation in Perth; and
 - (b) Mr Hastings' interstate travel between Sydney-Perth and Perth-Sydney?
- (3) If no, was any amount additional to the \$1 458 400 paid for -
 - (a) Mr Hastings' accommodation in Perth; or
 - (b) Mr Hastings' interstate travel between Sydney-Perth and Perth-Sydney?
- (4) How many trips by Mr Hastings between Sydney-Perth and Perth-Sydney were paid for by the Government through the royal commission allocation?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. Unfortunately, it was not possible to provide the answer to the four-part question in the time provided, and I request that the member place the question on notice.