

ELECTORAL REFORM — ADVISORY COMMITTEE

58. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 24 asked by me in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 and the minister's inability to answer the most basic questions, so I will ask it again.

- (1) What is the estimated cost of the committee?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of remunerating each committee member?
- (3) Given the likely impact of the minister's review on regional representation, which was not on the government's agenda immediately prior to the election, how many of the committee members currently reside in regional Western Australia?
- (4) Was the establishment of the committee supported by a decision of cabinet?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Electoral Affairs.

- (1) Total costs are yet to be finalised and will be reported to the Parliament in the usual manner when determined.
- (2) Committee members will be remunerated under the Public Sector Commission guidelines. When the full cost is known, it will be reported to Parliament in the usual manner.
- (3) The member's question pre-empts the outcome of the ministerial expert committee report and is therefore hypothetical.
- (4) The decisions of cabinet are cabinet-in-confidence.