

PUBLIC TRUSTEE — FEES

516. Hon JAMES HAYWARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Public Trustee funding model.

- (1) Notwithstanding the historical reasons for the current funding model, will the Attorney General commit to funding the Public Trustee from consolidated revenue and abolish the self-funding model?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when will the self-funding model be abolished?
- (4) Is the Attorney General aware of any other government body that deals with vulnerable Western Australians that operates under a self-funding model; and, if so, provide a list of such?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I note it was asked last week, so that might provide context for what I am about to say.

- (1)–(4) This week, the Attorney General announced \$13 million towards fee relief for vulnerable clients of the Public Trustee while a Department of Treasury review is ongoing. The Department of Treasury is undertaking a review of the Public Trustee's fees and self-funding model, including accountability and transparency mechanisms, which will be finalised later this year.