

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — PORTFOLIOS — CONSULTANTS

18. Ms M.J. Davies to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry:

I refer to external consultants hired and tasked with assisting Departments, and ask:

- (a) For all departments or agencies under your responsibility, please detail:
 - (i) The number of private consultants hired in the 2020–21 Financial Year;
 - (ii) The total cost to the department for hiring those consultants;
 - (iii) The number of reports produced by those private consultants; and
 - (iv) The number of reports made public?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (i)–(ii) As part of this government’s ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency, and in accordance with Premier’s Circular 2019/06, a six-monthly “Report on Consultants Engaged by the Government” is tabled in this place. Reports for the 2020/21 financial year will be tabled shortly.
- (iii) 2 formal reports have been produced as of 31 December 2020. As was practice under the previous government, consultants may be engaged by the government to provide strategic advice.
- (iv) As of 31 December 2020, neither formal report produced has been publicly released. This figure is subject to change as reports produced are considered by government.