

LEGAL PRACTICE BOARD — LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

1237. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the legal services and complaints committee of the Legal Practice Board of WA.

- (1) Can the committee operate without a community representative?
- (2) Do the community representatives receive an allowance or meeting fee?
- (3) Is the Legal Practice Board responsible for the payment of that allowance or meeting fee?
- (4) If no to (3), who is?

There is a question (5) that has escaped me, parliamentary secretary!

The PRESIDENT: Has the member finished his question?

Hon STEVE MARTIN: It has gone.

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I think he might have realised it sought an opinion! In any event, the following answer is based on information provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(5) Meetings of the legal services and complaints committee require a community representative, who is entitled to remuneration and allowances. With respect to the issue of responsibility for payment, the Attorney General has asked the Department of Justice to look into this issue with the Legal Practice Board.