

CLIVE PALMER — LEGAL ACTION

**491. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. When the Premier makes that statement to the house, will he, in the interests of transparency, reveal the full cost to WA taxpayers for his and the Attorney General's legal fees?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

Again, I do not know the answer to that question. This is a matter about which I will receive advice, but I just want to put it in context.

**Ms M.J. Davies:** Will you provide that information when you have it?

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** As I said to the Leader of the Opposition, I do not know the answer to that question and I will get legal advice on those matters. I do not know what proportion of any such costs Mr Palmer will be required to pay. I just want to put it in context. There will be some cost to the state of Western Australia, but that has to be offset against the fact that the Attorney General and I saved the state of Western Australia \$30 billion—\$30 billion!—and were therefore sued. You make your choice: whose side are you on—the government of Western Australia and the people of Western Australia or Clive Palmer?