

CLIVE PALMER — LEGAL ACTION — STATE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

**999. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the costs incurred by the state, including time spent by the State Solicitor's Office, in proceedings NSD912 of 2020.

- (1) Did the State Solicitor's Office undertake any work in those proceedings?
- (2) If yes to (1), how much time was recorded by the State Solicitor's Office on that matter?
- (3) If no to (1), is it the case that the State Solicitor's Office did not provide any assistance to either the Premier, the Attorney General or any other person in relation to any aspect of the proceedings?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is based on information provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) The State Solicitor's Office acted for the state in the proceedings, including in relation to third party discovery, and also for the Attorney General in relation to a subpoena to produce documents issued by Mr Palmer. That is the subpoena, not the documents.
- (2) Pursuant to court orders, Mr Palmer is required to pay the state's reasonable costs for providing third party discovery and the Attorney's reasonable loss or expense incurred in respect of complying with the subpoena. The State Solicitor's Office is taking steps to assess these costs. While this process is on foot, it is not appropriate to disclose the time spent by the State Solicitor's Office because doing so may prejudice the recovery of costs.
- (3) Not applicable.