

CONSULTATIONS REFERENCE GROUP, MEMBERSHIP, SITTING FEES AND AUDITS

2553. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer the Premier to the Annual Report – 2002/2003 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and ask -

- (a) who make up the Consultations Reference Group;
- (b) are sitting fees paid to members of this group;
- (c) if yes, what are the individual fees paid to each member;
- (d) how many reports and discussion papers has this group produced;
- (e) when was the last time the Consultations Reference Group was audited to establish the cost of service delivery; and
- (f) if no audit of cost has taken place, how are outputs measured?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) The Consultation Reference Group (CRG) is an intra-governmental expert reference group established to promote community consultation best practice across government and to provide advice and assistance to agencies undertaking significant consultative projects. Members of the group comprise senior executives from across government portfolios (including regions) that have recognised expertise and experience in public consultation co-ordination at a portfolio policy or strategy level. The terms of reference (currently under review) are attached. [See paper No 2231.]
- (b) No.
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Not applicable. The purpose of the CRG is not to produce reports or papers but to promote information exchange and skill sharing across government.
- (e) The CRG has not been audited as there are no costs associated with service delivery.
- (f) Not applicable. As the purpose of the CRG is information sharing and skills exchange, it is not feasible to measure specific outputs.