

APPEALS, COST

605. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the minister representing the Attorney General:

- (1) What was the total cost to the State of Western Australia of opposing the 2002 appeal by John Button against his 1963 conviction for manslaughter?
- (2) How was the total cost apportioned among the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General's Department and the Supreme Court?
- (3) What is the estimated cost to the State of Western Australia of opposing the impending appeal by Darryl Beamish against his 1961 conviction for murder?
- (4) Of that estimated cost, what is the anticipated apportionment among the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General's Department and the Supreme Court?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs has provided the following response -

- (1)-(2) The Button appeal used existing Director of Public Prosecutions and Department of Justice resources. No specific allocation of moneys was set aside or allocated to the appeal.
- (3)-(4) The Director of Public Prosecutions has only recently received the grounds of appeal and, at this stage, it is anticipated that the appeal will be conducted on the same basis as (1)-(2) above.