

POLICE ROYAL COMMISSION, LEGAL SERVICES, COST

2337. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the Final Report of the *Royal Commission into whether there has been Corrupt or Criminal Conduct by any Western Australian Police Officers* tabled on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. Notes to the Financial Statement at page 22 indicate a sum of \$2.833 million was expended on legal services over 2003 and 2004. I ask -

- (1) Did that sum include the cost of engaging four senior lawyers, namely Peter Hastings QC, Matthew Byrne, Ken Pettit SC and Stephen Hall as Counsel assisting the Commission?
- (2) If yes, what was the total cost of their respective appointments?
- (3) Were other legal practitioners engaged to assist the Commission?
- (4) If yes, -
 - (a) who were they;
 - (b) what were their briefs; and
 - (c) how much were they paid?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1) The expenditure on Legal Services included costs in respect of Peter Hastings QC, Ken Pettit SC and Stephen Hall. Matthew Byrne was remunerated as an employee.
- (2)

Peter Hastings QC	- \$1,458,400
Ken Pettit SC	- \$ 634,450
Stephen Hall	- \$ 544,340
- (3) Costs for one other legal practitioner were included in the expenditure on Legal Services.
- (3)
 - (a) Joseph McGrath.
 - (b) To assist the Royal Commission inquire into and report on matters which were the subject of its terms of reference.
 - (c) \$176,000.