

GRIFFIN COAL — CONSULTANTS

Question without Notice 1301 — Supplementary Information

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.07 pm]: I would like to provide a response to Hon Dr Steve Thomas's question without notice 1301, asked on 19 October 2023. I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

- (1) Yes – Ashurst was retained by the State Solicitor's Office pursuant to a written legal brief. The terms of the brief are confidential subject to legal professional privilege.
 - (2) No. However, the State Solicitor's Office retained Ashurst in accordance with its obligations under the *Procurement Act 2020* (WA).
 - (3) Not applicable.
 - (4) This matter is ongoing. The amount paid by the State Solicitor's Office to Ashurst for legal services provided since 2 December 2022 is confidential.
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