

E-CONVEYANCING TRANSACTIONS

**625. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:**

The Transfer of Land Amendment Regulations 2017, published in the *Government Gazette* on 24 November 2017, required all new eligible standalone transfers and withdrawal of caveats and any lodgement case consisting of eligible discharges, transfers, mortgages, caveats and withdrawal of caveats to be lodged electronically by the renegotiated date of 1 December 2018. Landgate information advised that the Registrar of Titles holds the view that e-conveyancing better ensures the security, integrity and accuracy of Western Australia's Land Titles Register and that e-conveyancing was widely promoted as being a more accurate and efficient lodgement meaning less risk, less time wasted and money.

- (1) Why have Landgate registration fees not been reduced in consideration of improved efficiencies by e-conveyancing?
- (2) Was the Public Sector Commission requested to provide a cost analysis for the processes?
- (3) Did the Public Sector Commission undertake that analysis?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), can the minister provide a copy of that analysis?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The applicable fee offsets the ongoing costs of operation and maintenance of the Land Titles Register, including its security, accuracy and integrity. This fee also guarantees the indefeasibility of title for property owners. Landgate does not charge registered proprietors any other fee for securing and maintaining their title information.
- (2) The Public Sector Commission is not involved in the setting or review of fees relative to Landgate, nor was it requested to be.
- (3)–(5) Not applicable.