

ATTORNEY GENERAL — STATE LEGAL CASES — COST

634. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's insistence that he is not prepared to disclose the costs related to any case involving the state, including time spent by the State Solicitor's Office prior to the finalisation of the case. Which of the following cases have been finalised and what has been the total cost to the state of those that have been finalised —

- (1) the two related Supreme Court actions involving the President of the Legislative Council;
- (2) the Minister for Child Protection's defence in the defamation claim of Ms Westerman;
- (3) the unfair dismissal claim of the member for Kwinana's former electorate officer;
- (4) the Premier's failed defence in the defamation claim of Mr Palmer; and
- (5) the Premier's optional cross-claim against Mr Palmer?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

As the member was notified behind the chair, the Attorney General is paired today as he is attending the Meeting of Attorneys-General, which was held yesterday. An answer will be provided to the member in the next sitting week.