

POLICE ROYAL COMMISSION, COST OF LEGAL SERVICES

627. 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 Any Corrupt or Criminal Conduct by Western Australian Police Officers, tabled on 17 August. Notes to the financial statements at page 22 indicate that a sum of \$2.833 million was expended on legal services over 2003-04.

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

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Derrick Tomlinson. If he did provide notice of the question -

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: At 10.15 am on 18 August.

Hon KIM CHANCE: Unfortunately, I have not received the answer to that question. If it appears in the next five minutes, I will be happy to provide it.