

PERTH LORD MAYOR — TRAVEL AND EXPENSE CLAIMS — INVESTIGATION

5396. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Department of Local Government's investigation into the Perth Lord Mayor's travel and expense claims, which were announced on 12 October 2015, stating the review was expected to be completed within weeks, and ask:

- (a) when was the Department's investigation finalised;
- (b) what date did the Department send you a copy of the Report;
- (c) what date did the Department send the Lord Mayor, Lisa Scaffidi, a copy of the Report;
- (d) given the Premier was calling in March 2016 for the Report to be released publically and couldn't understand what was taking so long, why is it taking so long to release the Report;
- (e) when will the Report be released publically; and
- (f) if the Report is not to be released publically, why not?

Mr A.J. Simpson replied:

- (a) 5 May 2016.
- (b) 6 May 2016.
- (c) The Department of Local Government and Communities delivered a copy of the draft report to the Lord Mayor's legal representatives on 24 March 2016. The Lord Mayor, or her legal representatives, received a copy of the final report on 10 May 2016.
- (d) There are a number of processes that need to be undertaken when conducting an investigation. Accordingly, the Department's officers must ensure that the investigation is completed in such a manner that the investigation is presented properly and with fairness to the accused.
- (e) The report was tabled on 10 May 2016 and was released publically at that time.
- (f) Not applicable.