

MEMBER FOR KWINANA — UNFAIR DISMISSAL CASE

56. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the significant adverse findings made against the Deputy Premier in the decision of the Public Service Appeal Board on 5 January 2023, including —

... the minister did not do everything he could and should have done to ensure leave entitlements were not abused.

- (1) Has the Premier spoken to the Deputy Premier about the adverse finding since it was made?
- (2) Will the Premier table a copy of the briefing notes or similar documents that he has received about this decision?
- (3) Will the Premier instigate any action to audit all leave entitlements of the Deputy Premier's current and former staff as a result of these adverse findings?
- (4) What was the total cost to taxpayers to defend this unfair dismissal claim?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The member is referring to the matter regarding the employment of a former electorate officer. The former employee appealed to the Public Service Appeal Board contesting the termination of her employment. This matter was dismissed by the Public Service Appeal Board. The cost of defending this claim was \$87 585. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet continually undertakes audits of leave entitlements for all same employees, as do all public sector entities.