

CHILD DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF HON KAY HALLAHAN

1159. Mr R.F. Johnson to the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

I refer the Minister to her media statement dated 12 January 2003, announcing the formation of the Child Death Review Committee, and ask –

- (a) under what terms has former Labor member Committee Chair Hon Kay Hallahan been employed;
- (b) what is Ms Hallahan's salary in this position;
- (c) what are the salaries of the other Committee members;
- (d) what expenses will the Committee Chair and members be entitled to;
- (e) will any tax-payer funded cars be allocated to Committee members;
- (f) what hours will the Committee Chair be required to work;
- (g) what hours will the other Committee members be required to work;
- (h) how many staff members will be employed to support the Committee;
- (i) what will be the cost of employing these staff;
- (j) where will the Committee office be located; and
- (k) what is the total annual cost of the Committee expected to be?

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

- (a) The Chairperson of the Child Death Review Committee is appointed pursuant to section 22 of the Community Services Act (1972).
- (b) The Chairperson is entitled to sitting fees at a rate recommended by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Sitting fees for the Chairperson are \$330 for a full day and \$220 for a part day.
- (c) Members are entitled to sitting fees at a rate recommended by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The sitting fees for members are \$220 for a full day and \$150 for a part day.
- (d) The Chairperson and members are entitled to claim sitting fees for meetings and preparation time and to claim for travel, accommodation, motor vehicle and out of pocket expenses if required to travel on official Committee business.
- (e) No.
- (f)-(g) The number of hours worked is dependent on the number and complexity of child death reviews the Committee is requested to undertake.
- (h) No additional staff have been employed to support the Committee. The Committee will be supported through existing resources.
- (i) N/A.
- (j) The Committee does not have an Office. Committee meetings will be held in Department for Community Development meeting rooms.
- (k) The cost of supporting the Committee is to be met through existing resources. The total annual cost of sitting fees is dependent on the number and complexity of reviews which the Committee is requested to undertake.