

PUBLIC TRUSTEE — FEES

944. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the ABC online news report titled “WA’s Public Trustee under microscope after charging \$370 an hour to transfer ownership of shares”, posted on 16 October 2022.

- (1) When did the Department of Treasury commence its review of the Public Trustee’s self-funding model as recommended by the Auditor General?
- (2) When is the review scheduled to be completed?
- (3) Does the department have access to the review commissioned by the Public Trustee in 2020?
- (4) Will the minister table the 2020 review now and undertake to table the current review upon its completion?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Treasurer.

- (1)–(4) The Department of Treasury is in the preliminary stages of its review, including allocating project resources and finalising the full project scope and time frames. The Department of Treasury has the review commissioned by the Public Trustee in 2020 and will consider it as part of the review of the Public Trustee’s fees and self-funding model. The Department of Treasury will provide the government with options to improve equity and value for money for the Public Trustee’s clients.