

CONSULTANTS

701. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I note increased public interest in the use of consultants in the wake of the PwC tax scandal.

- (1) How much does the WA government spend on consultants?
- (2) Will the government agree to an inquiry into the management and use of consultants, similar to those being undertaken in other jurisdictions?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I know that the question lodged was missing a word in part (1); I think we can assume what that word was but that is the basis of the answer.

- (1)–(2) As part of this government’s ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency, and in accordance with Premier’s Circular 2021–17, a six-monthly report on consultants engaged by the government is tabled in both houses of Parliament regularly. Each report details the name of the consultants engaged, the purpose of engagement, the period of engagement and the costs.