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CRIMINAL PROPERTY CONFISCATION ACT

1370. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000.

- (1) In the 2022–23 financial year, what was the total value of assets seized under the Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000?
- (2) How were these funds allocated?
- (3) In this year, were targets set for the value of assets to be seized?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Attorney General.

- (1) The total amount paid into the confiscation proceeds account in 2022–23 was \$28 488 371.
- (2) In 2022–23, total funds distributed were \$16 283 045.80 to the following: Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, \$6 000 000; Western Australia Police Force, 6 000 000; state grants to Legal Aid Western Australia for support to community legal centres, \$3 000 000; and Crime Stoppers Western Australia, \$300 000. Criminal property confiscation grants program totalling \$983 045.80 went to: Gosnells Community Legal Centre, \$107 824.80; Shire of Carnarvon, \$110 000; Wadjak Northside Aboriginal community, \$180 587; Ruah Community Services, \$194 312; City of Swan, \$200 000; and Parkerville Children and Youth Care, \$190 322.
- No. The primary purpose of confiscation activities is to disrupt crime, not to generate income. Therefore, it is not appropriate or relevant for targets to be set for the value of assets to be seized.