

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING**

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Hon Martin Aldridge asked:

1) I refer to the Ministerial Expert Committee on electoral reform and ask:

a) What was the total cost of the review and report of the committee;

Answer: The cost of engagement of the committee members is estimated to be \$42,231.20 (inclusive GST). The Department has not yet received all invoices for payment and therefore does not yet have the total costs.

b) What was the hourly rate and total cost of each committee member;

Answer: The remuneration for time worked is at the following rates:

- \$825 (excluding GST and expenses) per full day for meeting over four hours;
- \$537 (excluding GST and expenses) per half days for meetings of four hours or less; and
- \$110 (excluding GST and expenses) per hour for work performed outside of meetings.

Malcolm McCusker declined to receive payment for his service. The remaining Committee members requested that the payment for their services be made direct to their respective universities. The Department is waiting for invoices from two of the universities prior to finalising costs.

c) On how many occasions did the committee meet providing the date and duration of each meeting;

Answer: The Committee met on five occasions with secretariat support, with each meeting lasting between 2 and 5 hours. The Committee also held multiple meetings by video conference and telephone with Committee members only for the purpose of drafting the discussion paper and the final report, without secretariat support.

d) Were any conflicts of interest declared at any time by any committee member;

Answer: No.


e) If yes to (d) please detail the declarations provided; and

Answer: Not applicable.

f) Please table any correspondence between the committee and the government, including letters of engagement or other documents relevant to their engagement or appointment?

Answer: Refer to Legislative Council Tabled Paper #188 on 12 May 2021.



 Minister's initials