

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Question without Notice 520 — Supplementary Information

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.07 pm]: I have some additional explanatory information in response to Hon Peter Collier’s question without notice 520, asked on 6 September 2017, and subsequent requests for further information provided in answer to question without notice 567 on 12 September, and through additional information on 13 September 2017. The explanation relates to part (1) of question without notice 520: how much has been spent on consultants for the commission of inquiry to date? The initial answer provided on 6 September was incorrect in two aspects. The total payment was not made for consultants. The answer to part (1) of question without notice 520 should have been “nil”. The payment was for salary payments to John Langoulant, the special inquirer, and cited a total of \$127 609. His total was also inaccurate. An accounting error within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet had incorrectly attributed some unrelated salary payments to other officers to the commission of inquiry. The correct total of payments to John Langoulant as at 13 September was \$64 240. The answers to parts (2) to (5) of question without notice 520 were correct and remain unchanged.