

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY —
REFORM

610. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to page 160 of budget paper No 2, volume 1, which states —

- In partnership with the State's nine Regional Development Commissions, the Department will continue to reform and strengthen the State's regional development strategy and operating model to maximise the impact from the portfolio's effort and investment, including Royalties for Regions.
- (1) Has the Department of Regional Development or the regional development commissions engaged consultants to assist with the reform?
 - (2) If yes to (1), can the minister advise the total amount the Department of Regional Development or regional development commissions have spent to date on consultants as part of the reform process?
 - (3) Can the minister provide a list of consultants, when they were appointed, the project they were engaged for, if they have worked on other projects, and the amount they have been paid to date?
 - (4) Can the minister advise how each consultant was appointed; that is, were they appointed as a result of a common-use arrangement or a tender process?
 - (5) If the consultants were not appointed as a result of a common-use arrangement or tender process, how were they appointed?
 - (6) Can the minister advise when he expects the reform to be completed?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The total amount is \$789 764.
- (3)–(5) I table the requested information.

[See paper 4279.]

- (6) The reform is now in the implementation phase with a 12-month action plan in place through to May 2017.