

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION REVIEW

328. Hon KATE DOUST to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation:

I refer to the Western Australian science and innovation review released in 2009.

- (1) Since the review was released, how many meetings of the interim advisory board have occurred?
- (2) Who is on the interim advisory board; and, how were they selected and by whom?
- (3) Has the board reported to the government as yet; and, if so, will the minister table any report?
- (4) What progress has been made in establishing a council for science and innovation, and when will it commence?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I answer on behalf of the Leader of the House. I thank the member for some notice of this question. The question was referred to the science innovation business division of the Department of Commerce and I provide the following answer —

- (1) Since the review has been released, a total of four meetings have been held.
- (2) There were six members of the interim council, including the chair, and they are Charles Morgan, chair; Erica Smyth; Dr Mal Bryce, AO; Dr Megan Clark, from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; Dr Kristin Nowak; and Colin Beckett. These members were appointed by the state government on the recommendation of the Minister for Science and Innovation.
- (3) Yes. The report is under consideration by the Minister for Science and Innovation.
- (4) The former Minister for Science and Innovation announced on 2 December 2009 that the Council for Science and Innovation will be operational by mid-2010 and the government is working towards this time line.