

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DARLING RANGE — BY-ELECTION

414. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

- (1) How much will it cost to run a by-election in Darling Range?
- (2) Has the Western Australian Electoral Commission received this funding in its 2018–19 budget allocation or will the amount be a variation?
- (3) If this cost was not included in the 2018–19 budget, why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Electoral Affairs has provided the following information.

- (1) The cost is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$250 000 to \$300 000.
- (2)–(3) It is not usual practice that the commission's annual budget include an allowance for possible by-elections. Funding arrangements are made when the writ for a by-election is issued. In the case of the district of Darling Range, this has not yet occurred.