

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT (DEBT AND DEFICIT REMEDIATION) BILL 2017

**781. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017.

- (1) What costs have been incurred to date in consultation, planning and drafting the bill in preparation for its consideration in Parliament?
- (2) Did the Premier seek advice on amendment to the parliamentary pension scheme in order to reduce costs to the taxpayer and assist in budget repair?
- (3) Is the Premier himself a member of the parliamentary pension scheme?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No additional costs have been incurred by the Public Sector Commission in relation to the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017. The planning, drafting and consultation in relation to the bill have been undertaken as part of the core duties of the commission's officers.
- (2) The parliamentary pension scheme was not a consideration in the drafting of this bill. The overwhelming focus of this bill related to the freezing of salaries determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, which have financial implications for the state government. I take the opportunity now to remind members that given the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal is due to make a determination on members' pay at the end of November, there is an element of time sensitivity in the passage of this legislation.
- (3) Yes.