

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS — STAKEHOLDER FUNCTION

652. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

- (1) Was a royalties for regions stakeholder function held on 19 May 2014?
- (2) If yes to (1), where was it held?
- (3) If yes to (1), what was the purpose of the function?
- (4) If yes to (1), who were the invitees to the function?
- (5) If yes to (1), who attended the function?
- (6) If yes to (1), what was the total cost of the function and out of which budget allocation did it come?
- (7) If yes to (1), who authorised the holding of the function?
- (8) If yes to (1), does the minister believe that this function was good public policy in this time of fiscal constraint?
- (9) If yes to (8), why?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Regional Development hosted an industry and stakeholder event on Monday, 19 May 2014.
- (2) Fraser's function centre, Kings Park.
- (3) The purpose of the function was to engage with industry and stakeholders involved in regional development in Western Australia.
- (4)–(5) The answer said that I will table a list of invitees and those who attended, but I do not seem to have a list here. I will follow that up and, hopefully, table the list by the end of question time.
- (6) The total cost was \$10 313 and was allocated from the Department of Regional Development's communications budget.
- (7) The director general of the Department of Regional Development.
- (8) Yes.
- (9) It is important to engage with stakeholders from local government and private industry and communicate the government's agenda for promoting economic development in regional WA. The event provided stakeholders with an opportunity to learn more about recent budget announcements including regional investment blueprints, the southern investment initiative "Growing our South", regional telecommunications and the "Seizing the Opportunity" agriculture initiative.