

LEGAL AFFAIRS — ASBESTOS DISEASES COMPENSATION BILL 2013 — REINTRODUCTION

1862. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to Project 106 of the Law Reform Commission (WA), and I ask:

- (a) (a) has the State Government formally considered the report and, if so, on what date;
- (b) (b) what is the State Government's view with respect to each of the reports four recommendations;
- (c) (c) does the State Government intend to reintroduce the *Asbestos Diseases Compensation Bill 2013* and, if so, when;
- (d) (d) if no to (3), why does the State Government no longer support the *Asbestos Diseases Compensation Bill 2013*;
- (e) (e) does the Attorney General have cabinet approval to commence drafting or to introduce a Bill that addressed the matters raised in the Law Reform Commission report;
- (f) (f) has the Attorney General now received the full economic and financial analysis and associated advice of the Insurance Commission of WA (ICWA) and what date did he receive that; and
- (g) (g) Will the Attorney General table that advice?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a)–(e) The McGowan Government acknowledges that asbestos-related diseases are an important issue and is profoundly sympathetic to those afflicted with such illnesses. The Government is currently assessing its reform options arising from Project 106 of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia, and the analysis referred to in (f) forms part of that consideration. A decision on whether to make this analysis publicly available is inextricably intertwined with the Governments overall response to Project 106, and a decision on this matter will be made once the Government has determined how to proceed with the Commission's recommendations.
- (f) Yes. 15 August 2018.
- (g) See (a)–(e).