

CITY OF PERTH — INQUIRY

590. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Government's City of Perth enquiry which commenced in 2018, and the final report of which was tabled in Parliament in August 2020, and I ask:

- (a) what charges have been laid or actions have been taken against the 23 persons referenced in the final report as being referred to Commonwealth, State or other authorities;
- (b) for how many of those 23 persons are the referred investigations complete;
- (c) for how many of those persons are the referred investigations ongoing;
- (d) what is the cost of the investigations into those 23 persons from the tabling of the enquiry in August 2020 to date, and are those costs included in the \$7.8 million cost of the enquiry;
- (e) what reports has the Government received from authorities to which the referrals of the 23 persons were made; and
- (f) what has the Government done with any reports referenced in part (e) and what actions have been taken as a result?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(f) Any investigation by other agencies arising from a referral from the Inquiry Panel are not within the portfolio remit of the Minister for Local Government. Any such processes may be protected by confidentiality provisions of relevant legislation.

Accordingly, it is not possible for the Minister to collate or provide statistics for these external processes.

However, several of the findings and recommendations made by the Panel have informed the major package of local government reforms announced by the Minister in November of last year.