

DEPARTMENT OF MINES, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY — RENAMING

1430. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

It feels like a Thursday! I refer to the minister's media statement of 3 November 2023 announcing the renaming of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, DMIRS, to the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, DEMIRS, from 1 December 2023.

- (1) What are the measurable and tangible benefits associated with the name change of DMIRS to DEMIRS occurring on 1 December 2023?
- (2) Upon what advice and consultation was the decision made for the name change, who was the recipient of the advice and what commercial consideration was paid for the receipt of said advice or consultation?
- (3) What is the total of all costs associated with the name change or rebranding encompassing all facets of the departmental rebrand including signage, stationery reprinting and advertising?
- (4) Will the minister detail to the house how this name change will assist in rectifying and addressing the multitude of critical energy crises facing the state of Western Australia?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Energy.

- (1)–(2) The Minister for Energy, in consultation with members of the energy sector and staff of Energy Policy WA, made the decision to change the department's name to better reflect the importance of Western Australia's energy portfolio and the critical role it will play in the Cook government's decarbonisation ambitions. No commercial costs were associated with this decision.
- (3) The department is funding the change from within existing budget. Operational costs, non-salary, associated with the name change are estimated to be approximately \$300 000.
- (4) When the former government changed the name of the Office of Energy to the Public Utilities Office, the issue of energy policy stopped being a priority of government. The decision to include energy in the name completes the emphasis on energy policy that has occurred during the life of this Labor government, which ensures our transition to a low carbon future is properly recognised.
- (5) Not applicable.