

POLICE — EXTINCTION REBELLION

1535. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to Extinction Rebellion, and the August 5 2021 incident where six members of the group spray chalked a footbridge in the central business district, and I ask:

- (a) is Extinction Rebellion classified as a gang or organised criminal entity;
- (b) if yes to (a), what was the decision to classify them as such based on; and
- (c) what was the total cost to Western Australian Police for the investigation, arrest, charging and prosecution of those involved in the incident, if available?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The Western Australia Police Force advise:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The Western Australia Police Force advise that the agency does not capture the hours and costs assigned to investigations by individual police officers/staff given the nature and volume of policing activities across the State.