

ATTORNEY GENERAL — STATE LEGAL CASES — COST

**974. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the costs incurred by the state, including time spent by the State Solicitor's Office, in the Premier's failed defence and partially successful optional cross-claim in proceedings NSD 912 of 2020.

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that each party is to bear their own costs of the claim, whereas a partial order as to costs has been made on the cross-claim?
- (2) Has the State Solicitor's Office disaggregated the costs as between the claim and the cross-claim so that the Premier and the state may recover some portion of the costs of the cross-claim?
- (3) If yes to (2), has a bill of costs, or similar, been prepared and submitted?
- (4) If no to either (2) or (3), why not, and when will this be done?

**The PRESIDENT:** Again, that question is requesting a fair amount of information.

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is based on information provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1)–(4) The premise of the member's question is incorrect. I note, however, that the State Solicitor's Office is not involved in any disaggregation of costs, as the Premier was not represented by the State Solicitor's Office. Costs relating to the case are yet to be finalised and will be made publicly available once complete.