

TAX REFORM

1205. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

The Leader of the House might have the answer to this question as well, so it might pay for her to check.

I note the release of the *Government mid-year financial projections statement* today following the September budget.

- (1) What taxation reform has the McGowan government initiated in either the September budget or the mid-year review?
- (2) What economic reforms have been funded in either the September budget or the mid-year review?
- (3) What taxation reform has the government planned during the state economic boom that has occurred between 2019 and 2022?
- (4) If there is no plan for taxation reform, why is the McGowan government dooming this state to repeat the boom and bust cycle into the future when it has the greatest revenues in the state's history?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health.

- (1) The 2021–22 state budget included the extension of the off-the-plan transfer duty rebate for pre-construction contracts in a multi-tiered strata scheme for a further two years, as well as land tax relief for residents affected by the Wooroloo bushfire and cyclone Seroja disasters to ensure they maintained their tax-exempt status for a primary residence or primary production business.
- (2) A significant number of economic reforms have been included in the 2021–22 state budget and the 2021–22 midyear review. These include initiatives such as a \$120 million package for additional frontline officers in five agencies to speed up approvals processes, \$2 million to oversee the implementation of priority regulatory reforms across the local government and liquor sectors, forestry policy reforms and the automatic mutual recognition of occupational registrations.
- (3) The state government continues to look at ways to improve the fairness and efficiency of Western Australia's tax system and will consider further initiatives to grow the economy and make tax policy decisions that are in the best interests of the Western Australian community.
- (4) Not applicable.