

COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT 2006 — HIGH COURT DECISION

531. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the recent High Court ruling that the Howard government's changes to the Commonwealth Electoral Act in 2006 were invalid.

- (1) What was the total cost to the state government of its involvement in this court case, including court fees, travel and accommodation expenses, meals and other related expenses?
- (2) How many billable hours were incurred by any government officers working on this case, and what is their normal billable rate?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Attorney General advises as follows —

- (1) Please refer to Legislative Council question without notice 485.
- (2) The work on this case was performed in the ordinary course of business of the State Solicitor's Office. Accordingly, no billable hours were incurred.